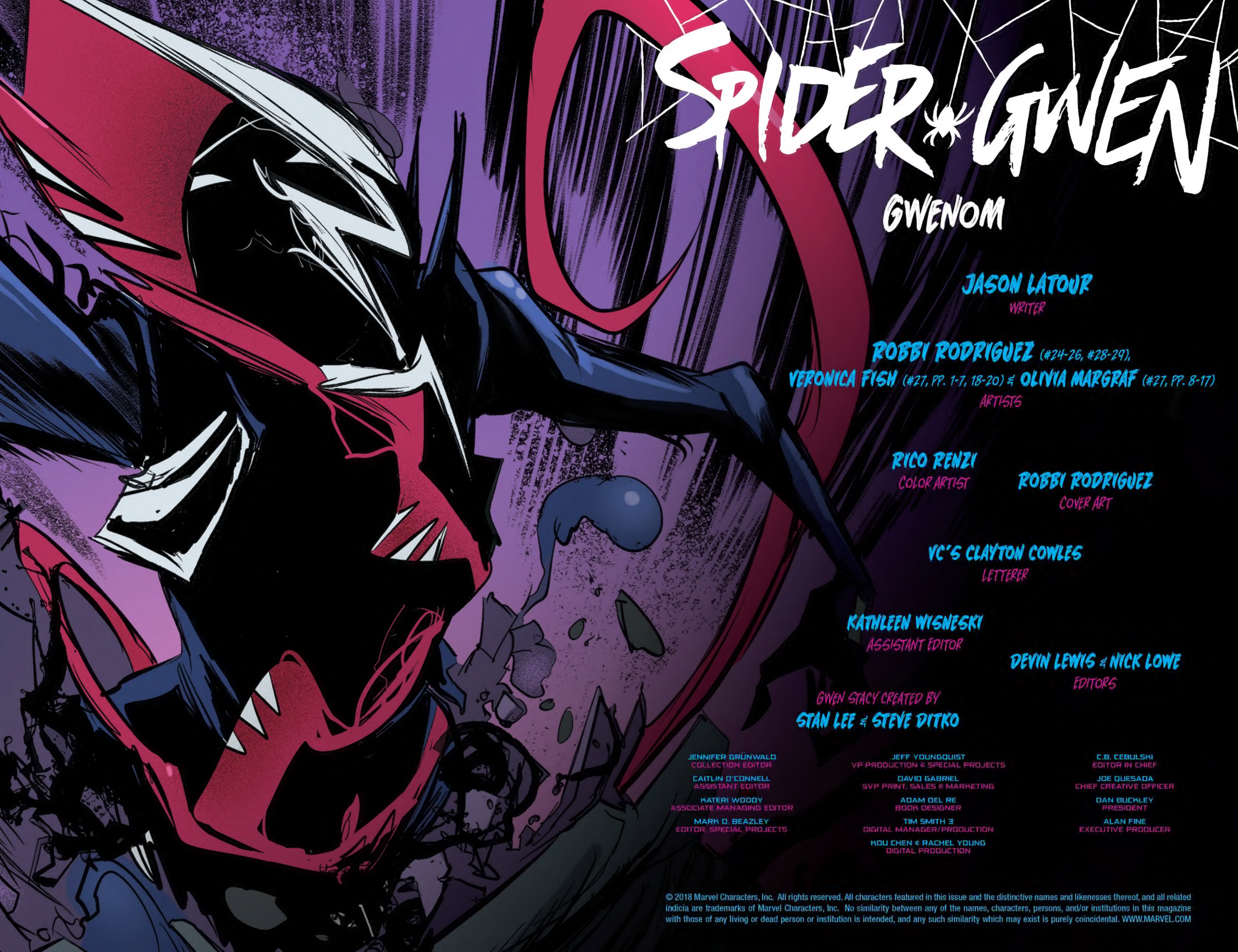
SPIDER-GWEN
LATOUR
RODRIGUEZ
RENZI
"Quippy dialogue, fun art and a new side of Gwen Stacy make for a high ceiling."
– BlackNerdProblems.com
GWENOM
MARVEL

SPIDER-GWEN



SPIDER-GWEN

GWENOM

JASON LATOUR
WRITER

ROBBI RODRIGUEZ (#24-26, #28-29),
VERONICA FISH (#27, PP. 1-7, 18-20) & OLIVIA MARGRAF (#27, PP. 8-17)
ARTISTS

RICO RENZI
COLOR ARTIST

ROBBI RODRIGUEZ
COVER ART

VC'S CLAYTON COWLES
LETTERER

KATHLEEN WISNESKI
ASSISTANT EDITOR

DEVIN LEWIS & NICK LOWE
EDITORS

GWEN STACY CREATED BY
STAN LEE & STEVE DITKO

JENNIFER GRÜNWALD
COLLECTION EDITOR

CAITLIN O'CONNELL
ASSISTANT EDITOR

KATERI WOODY
ASSOCIATE MANAGING EDITOR

MARK D. BEAZLEY
EDITOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS

JEFF YOUNGQUIST
VP PRODUCTION & SPECIAL PROJECTS

DAVID GABRIEL
SVP PRINT, SALES & MARKETING

ADAM DEL RE
BOOK DESIGNER

TIM SMITH 3
DIGITAL MANAGER/PRODUCTION

MOU CHEN & RACHEL YOUNG
DIGITAL PRODUCTION

C.B. CEBULSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

JOE QUESADA
CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER

DAN BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT

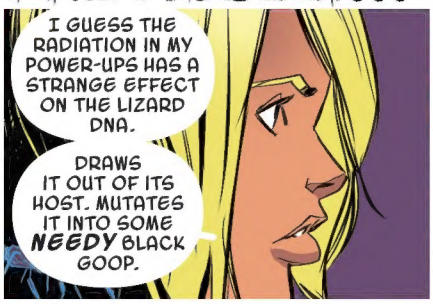
ALAN FINE
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

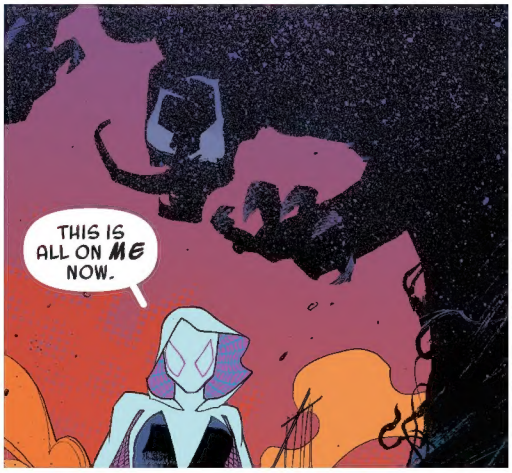
© 2018 Marvel Characters, Inc. All rights reserved. All characters featured in this issue and the distinctive names and likenesses thereof, and all related indicia are trademarks of Marvel Characters, Inc. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. WWW.MARVEL.COM

AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS VIGILANTE CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN

PREVIOUSLY...

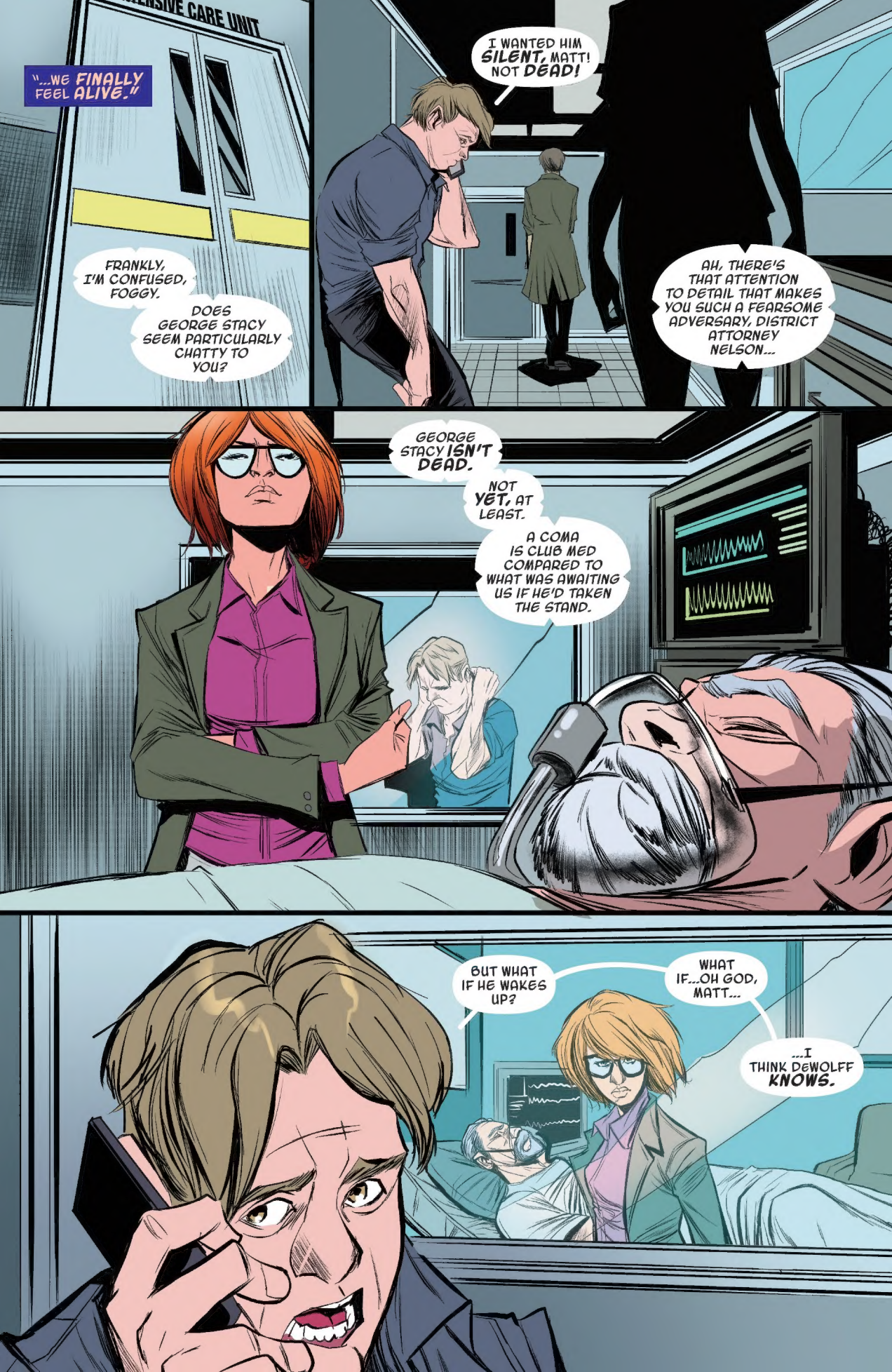

I GUESS THE RADIATION IN MY POWER-UPS HAS A STRANGE EFFECT ON THE LIZARD DNA.
DRAWS IT OUT OF ITS HOST. MUTATES IT INTO SOME NEEDY BLACK GOOP.



EVERYONE CASTS A SHADOW.
A DARKNESS THAT FOLLOWS US.
EXPOSURE TO MY RADIOACTIVE "POWER-UPS" TORE THE LIZARD DNA OUT OF HARRY OSBORN.
KITTY! GET BEHIND ME!
MUTATED IT INTO SOMETHING NEW--
"VENOM."

A HYBRID.
ALL THE ABILITIES OF SPIDER-WOMAN...
...PLUS THE REGENERATIVE POWER OF THE LIZARD.
SPLSSH!
RRRGGH!
DOUBLE THE TROUBLE.
HHSSSS
HHSSSSSS
TWICE THE PRICE.
TYPICALLY, VENOM BURNS HOT AND FAST.
KILLS BEFORE IT CAN BE BORN.
TO SURVIVE, IT NEEDS A HOST THAT CAN EQUAL ITS POWER.
ITS NEED TO LIVE.
HRNGH!
I WAS AFRAID THE VENOM WAS MY SHADOW.
THE PRICE TO STAY SPIDER-WOMAN...
SNICKT
LOGAN? LOGAN, ARE YOU...
OKAY? HEH. YEAH.
YEAH, DARLIN'...

...WE FEEL BETTER'N EVER.
TURNS OUT THERE ARE DARKER OUTCOMES.
NO. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HIM.
GET THOSE MEN BACK!
HEH. WRONG? NAH.
AIIGGH!
SLIT
MORE RIGHT THAN WE EVER BEEN, GIRLIE...


...WE FINALLY FEEL ALIVE."
FRANKLY, I'M CONFUSED, FOGGY.
DOES GEORGE STACY SEEM PARTICULARLY CHATTY TO YOU?
I WANTED HIM SILENT, MATT! NOT DEAD!
AH, THERE'S THAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL THAT MAKES YOU SUCH A FEARSOME ADVERSARY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY NELSON...
GEORGE STACY ISN'T DEAD.
NOT YET, AT LEAST.
A COMA IS CLUB MED COMPARED TO WHAT WAS AWAITING US IF HE'D TAKEN THE STAND.
BUT WHAT IF HE WAKES UP?
WHAT IF...OH GOD, MATT...
...I THINK DEWOLFF KNOWS.

=SIGH= BREATHE, FOGGY.
NEITHER OF US CAN AFFORD YOU STROKING OUT.
WE NEED YOU READY FOR WHAT COMES NEXT.
NEXT? MATT, WHAT ARE YOU--
JUST MAKE SURE CAPTAIN STACY'S ROOM IS GUARDED. HEAVILY, FRANKLIN.
AFTER ALL, THE SPIDER-WOMAN IS STILL ON THE LOOSE.
=CLICK=
TSK, TSK, TSK, GWENZELLE.
I SWEAR, GIRL...
...YOU'D LOSE YOUR HEAD IF IT WEREN'T ATTACHED.

CAN I TELL YOU WHAT SCARES ME THE MOST?
LOGAN, STOP!
STOP? HEH.
SORRY, PARLIN'--
--PARTY'S JUST GETTIN' STARTED.
KLICK
THIS IS WHO LOGAN REALLY IS.
BEEEEEEEP
WHAT HE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE.
AND THE VENOM IS THE EXCUSE HE NEEDED TO BECOME IT.
HNNNGH!
RAAARRRGGGH!
IT SCARES ME THAT MURDOCK WAS FINALLY WRONG.
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BOND WITH THE VENOM AND SURVIVE.
TERRIFYING AS THAT IS, I WAS READY TO FACE IT.
BUT WHAT IF ALL I HAVE TO DO TO BECOME A MONSTER--
HRRRNNGGH... NO...DON'T...
...DON'T TURN IT OFF...
--IS DO NOTHING AT ALL?
...DON'T TURN IT OFF...

I HAVE TO. I CAN'T KILL HIM.
YOU'LL BOTH DIE IF I DON'T.
NO...NO... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HRRRNNNGGH...
WE CAN'T LET THAT THING GET AWAY! IT WAS WORKING! IT WAS...
THIS DEVICE WAS KILLING YOU BOTH, KITTY!
I WON'T LET YOU DIE TO SAVE HIM OR SPARE ME.
I'M GOING TO FIX THIS.
BUT TO DO THAT, I NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS DEVICE DOES.
IT'S NOISE. ULTRASONIC WAVES.
LOGAN'S FAVORITE TOY. MAKES IT SO I CAN'T STAY FOCUSED ENOUGH TO PHASE.
YOU EVER TRIED TO THINK WITH A LOUDSPEAKER IN YOUR EAR?
ACTUALLY... YEAH.
ALL MY LIFE.
LOGAN SAID "WE," KITTY.
LIKE THERE WAS ANOTHER VOICE.
LIKE THE VENOM WAS SPEAKING WITH HIM.
PHASE HIM FREE--AND MAYBE WE CAN USE THE SONICS AGAINST IT.

#@$%! ARE YOU KIDDING?
YOUR PLANS ALL SUCK, YOU KNOW THAT?!
YEAH.
YEAH, I DO.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM, KITTY? TO HARRY?
HEH. HE'S ALIVE, AIN'T HE? HUMAN.
I'M SURE DADDY'LL GET HIM A GOOD LAWYER.
EITHER WAY--YOU CAME HERE TO STOP A MONSTER.
AN' THAT JOB AIN'T DONE, IS IT?
...NO.
NOT YET IT'S NOT.

HNNF! HNNF!
LOGAN! STOP!
RRRR!
HE CUT THE WEB-LINE!
RRRG!
JUST.
STICK.
TO.

THE PLAN!
HNG!
YOU JUST PHASED HIM RIGHT OUT OF IT--THAT CAN'T BE A GOOD SIGN.
IT WAS EASY. WAAAY TOO EASY.
K-KITTY? THAT--THAT WASN'T--
THAT THING, IT--IT WAS IN MY HEAD.
WE CAN DEBATE IF YOU HAVE A BRAIN TO HIJACK LATER, OLD MAN--
--WHEN WE'RE SAFELY AWAY FROM THAT THING...
"AWAY?"
"YEAH. AWAY. FAR AWAY.
"FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE, LOGAN--
"--BE GLAD THIS ISN'T YOUR FIGHT."
OKAY...
KLCK
...HERE GOES NOTHIN'!

C'MON...
C'MON...
C'MON!
WORK!
WORK!
WORK!
PLEASE!
PLEASE.

YOU GOTTA FACE IT, TIGER...
FACE IT, TI-GER...
NO. NOT YOU.
OH, GWENNIE.
YOU BLEW YOUR SHOT.
YOUR ONE CHANCE TO BE WHOLE AND IN CONTROL AGAIN.
SEE, IF YOU'D PICKED UP A PHONE--CALLED YOUR OLD PAL, MATT--
--HE'D HAVE TOLD YOU THAT SOUND WAS OUR FIRST WEAPON AGAINST THE CREATURE.
THAT IT DISRUPTS THE VENOM'S BOND TO ITS HOST.
BUT WHEN THERE'S NO HOST...
...THERE'S NOTHING TO DISRUPT.
=SIGH= YOU DIDN'T REALLY THINK THERE WAS SOME MAGIC WAY OUT OF THIS, DID YOU?
HEH. NO. NO, OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T...
DEEP DOWN...
...THIS IS WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED.

NO!
THWAP
?!
FACE IT, TIGER.
YOU GOTTA FACE IT, TIGER!
FACE IT, TIIII-GER...
IT'S ALL YOU GOT--

--IT'S YOUR LAST SHOT!
HNNNRH...
WELL, WELL--BACK IN BLACK.
AND HOW DO WE FEEL?
HURK!
ACTUALLY...

...I FEEL GREAT.
W-WHAT--YOU'RE RESISTING?
HRRK--HOW?
SAID IT YOURSELF, MURDOCK--SOUND.
TURNS OUT WHEN IT COMES TO MUSIC--ME AND VENOM?
WE MARCH TO THE SAME BEAT.
HEH. WELL DONE, MS. STACY.
HOORAY! TRIUMPHANT AT LAST. THE GREATEST VICTORY OF THE RADIOACTIVE "SPIDER-GWEN."
BUT WAIT--THIS ISN'T CHECKERS, IS IT?
IT'S CHESS.

YOU REALLY SHOULD KEEP A BETTER EYE ON YOUR LITTLE PORTAL WATCH, GWENNIE.
HAVE YOU LEARNED NOTHING FROM RICK AND MORTY?
THOUGH-- I SUPPOSE I CAN UNDERSTAND. WHEN YOU'RE SO DISTRACTED...
...IT'S EASY TO LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT MATTERS.
DAD?!
YOU! WHAT DID YOU DO?!
HRRRK-- ME?
NO...NO... GWENNIE...
YOU LEFT HIM BEHIND.
YOU CHOSE THEM TO PROTECT HIM.
YOU WEREN'T THERE...

DAD!
DAD!
NO...
...THIS CAN'T...
...THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
...WHY IS THIS...
...PLEASE.

SPIDER-WOMAN.
STEP BACK SLOWLY...
...WITH YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR.
YOU.
...HE'S ONE OF YOU. A COP...
...YOU WERE SUPPOSED... SUPPOSED TO PROTECT HIM...
HSSSSS
SK
GUNGH!

CRACK
AIEGGGH!
GRRK!
...HRK...DON'T... PLEASE...
...THIS WON'T...
...YOU CAN'T HELP HIM LIKE THIS...

YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE CAN'T HELP HIM.
BUT WHEN WE FIND WHOEVER DID THIS...
WE WILL HURT THEM!

YANCY STREET.
FSSSSSHHHH
IMPRESSIVE WORK.
I TAKE IT YOU HAVE A PERMIT?
HEH. NAH, MAN.
I GREW UP HERE.
DON'T YOU WORRY.
THEY'LL PAINT IT OVER WITH A SLEEPY SHADE OF STARK BUCKS CHARTREUSE SOON.
BUT FOR NOW, SPIDER-WOMAN JOINS LUKE CAGE AS ONE OF "HOBIE'S HOMETOWN HEROES."
HEH. HERO?
IF SPIDER-WOMAN WAS EVER THAT...
...WELL, SHE'S SOMETHING ELSE NOW, ISN'T SHE?
HEY--CALL HER WHATEVER YOU WANT, MAN. I JUST PAINT WHAT INSPIRES ME.
BESIDES... NAME ME ONE GOOD STORY--
--WHERE THE HERO AIN'T DEAD.

HELL'S KITCHEN.
WASN'T SO LONG AGO, MY TOUGH CHOICES WERE EASY.
I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU ONCE MORE, "FANCY DAN"--
"SUBWAY OR BUS?"
"ELEVATOR OR THE STAIRS?"
...COUUUUUCH...
--WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS "THE RHINO"?
"RHINO"? HA! GIMME A FRIGGIN' BREAK--
ALEKSEI FIGHTS SPIDER-WOMAN ONCE AN' NOW THINKS HE'S SOME KINDA SUPER VILLAIN?
HEH.
"SALAD OR FRIES?"
...CAAAAAKE...
BACK THEN, MY PROBLEMS WERE AS SMALL AS MY WORLD.
MY VICES, MY FRUSTRATIONS, MY INSECURITIES...
...THEY WERE ALL JUST WHISPERS.
THE RHINO! NOW!
WHENEVER THEY GOT LOUD, DAD'S VOICE BOOMED LOUDER--
--"DO WHAT'S RIGHT."
+SIGH+ YOU CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T TRY TO BE NO STEREOTYPE.
YOU DON'T WANNA LEAVE IT BE? FINE--

--YOU CAN STAY AN' PLAY!
BUT NOW?
EVERY CHOICE IS IMPOSSIBLE.
AND THOSE VOICES?
YAGGGH!
THEY DON'T WHISPER ANYMORE...
KRACK
RRGGHGHHHH!
...THEY SCREAM.
OKAY, BOYS... WE TRY IT YOUR WAY...
WE SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE...

"...WE WILL SHARE OUR PAIN."

PETER... NO...WHY? WHY DID YOU--

I JUST... JUST WANTED...TO BE SPECIAL.

LIKE YOU.

GWEN?! H-HOW?

WHY?!

YOU'RE A GOOD COP, DAD--

--YOU PUT ON THAT BADGE AND CARRY THAT GUN BECAUSE YOU KNOW IF YOU DON'T, SOMEONE WHO SHOULDN'T WILL...

...THIS MASK IS MY BADGE NOW.

IF I DON'T DEFINE WHAT IT MEANS...

...MONSTERS LIKE THIS WILL.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE, GWEN. THIS IS HOW I FINALLY STAND BESIDE YOU...

IT'S UP TO ME TO TELL THE WORLD THE TRUTH.

IT'S A SIMPLE DEAL, GWENZELLE. A NO-BRAINER, REALLY--

YOU GET YOUR POWERS BACK.

I KEEP YOUR FATHER OUT OF PRISON...

"...AND SPIDER-WOMAN WORKS FOR ME."

IT'S OKAY, HARRY. REALLY. YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS, BUT--

--THE NINJAS ARE WITH ME.

CAPTAIN... CAPTAIN... CAPTAIN...

PARTY HAS BEEN FUN, NO? BUT NOW...

...MURDOCK SAYS TAB IS DUE.

YOU GOTTA FACE IT TIIIGER... FACE IT TIIIIGERRR...

"YOU'RE RESISTING THE VENOM? HOW?!"

"SAID IT YOURSELF, MURDOCK--SOUND.

MARY JANES FACE IT TIGER

YOU CAN'T HELP HIM LIKE THIS...

YOU'RE RIGHT. WE CAN'T HELP HIM.

"BUT WE CAN HURT THEM."
WHERE?!
WHERE IS THE RHINO?!
HNGGH...
HNGGHK!
RRRRGH.
USELESS.
...YOU'RE... USSSELESSSSS...
RRGGGH!
SMASH!!!
"YOU'RE RESISTING? THE VENOM? HOW?!"
"SAID IT YOURSELF, MURDOCK-- SOUND.
"TURNS OUT WHEN IT COMES TO MUSIC-- ME AND VENOM?
"WE MARCH TO THE SAME BEAT."
HSSS!

SUPER COMBO MEAL
GWEN STACY'S MISSING?
DON'T YOU MEAN SHE'S ON THE RUN?
NO. I SAID SHE'S MISSING!
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR FRIEND?
HEY...HEY, EMM JAY, I DIDN'T...MEAN ANYTHING...
BUT I MEAN-- YOUR FRIEND, SHE'S GOTTA BE SPIDER-WOMAN, RIGHT? ONLY MAKES SENSE SHE'S--
WHAT MAKES SENSE IS FOR YOU TO SHUT UP.
'CAUSE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE MISSING ALL YOUR TEETH--
--YOU'LL WATCH HOW YOU TALK ABOUT MY FRIEND, MAN BUN!
HEY! HEY! WHAT IN THE SAMUEL HILLS?!
GRRZZ...
=SIGH= OH, NO. NOT THIS.
PLEASE NOT THESE GIRLS AGAIN.
MR. ALBIE! YES, YOU CAN HELP US!
OUR FRIEND, GWEN STACY. YOU REMEMBER HER, RIGHT?
SHE WORKED HERE FOR, LIKE, A WHOLE MONTH BACK WHEN IT WAS THE DOLLAR DOG--
WELL, SHE'S MISSING. AND INSTEAD OF HELPING FIND HER--
--THIS JERK IS SPREADING RUMORS THAT GWEN IS SPIDER-WOMAN!
WAIT. SHE'S... NOT?

GIRLS, GIRLS. LISTEN--I HAVE SEEN YOUR FRIEND'S TROUBLES IN THE NEWS, OKAY?
HER FATHER, THE CAPTAIN--FIRST ARRESTED. THEN BEATEN INTO A COMA BY A MAN NAMED FOR A ZOO ANIMAL.
AND ALL BECAUSE OF HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SPIDER-WOMAN--YES?
YOU ARE RIGHT IN THAT THIS BOY WITH UNFORTUNATE HAIR IS WRONG TO SPREAD RUMORS.
BUT TRUTH OR NOT--SPIDER-WOMAN RUINED MY BUSINESS ONCE. I CANNOT RISK SUCH TROUBLES AGAIN.
SO WE WILL STRIKE A DEAL...POST YOUR FLIERS.
AND I WILL CALL IF YOUR FRIEND RETURNS. BUT ONLY AFTER I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE POLICE.
THE POLICE? BUT--
NO "BUT." YOU LOSE. I LOSE. THIS, YOUNG MISS...
"...IS CALLED A COMPROMISE."
HEY, SOOO... DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'D HAVE CUT HIM FOR NOTHIN'...
...BUT WHY WERE YOU SO MAD AT THAT KID, EMM JAY?
YOU'VE BEEN SAYING GWEN IS SPIDER-WOMAN FOR WEEKS.
YOU SAW HOW MR. ALBIE REACTED, BETTY.
LOTS OF PEOPLE HATED SPIDER-WOMAN EVEN WHEN SHE WAS ALL CLEAN AND BRIGHT AND TRYING TO DO RIGHT.
IF THEY START THINKING GWEN'S THIS VENOM THING...
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR FRIEND???

"...I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS THEN."
AFRAID?! ALEKSEI?!
HA! YOUR MIND HAS GONE THE WAY OF YOUR EYES, MURDOCK.
JACK'S ON YANCY ST
IS SIMPLE. ALEKSEI TRAMPLED CAPTAIN STACY COP FOR YOU.
NOW RHINO IS "WANTED MAN." LIKE JOHN-NEE CASH.
IS SMART TO LIE LOW. STRATEGIC.
HEH. MAYBE SO...
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HIDING.
LIKE YOU'RE HOLED UP SEARCHING FOR LIQUID CONFIDENCE, WHILE SPIDER-WOMAN'S OUT THERE LOOKING FOR REVENGE.
HAH!
WILL TAKE MORE THAN GOSSIP TO MAKE RHINO STUPID, MATTHEW.
YOU ARE KINGPIN OF CRIME. EVERYONE KNOWS. NO ONE CAN PROVE. NO ONE BUT RHINO.
IS SIMPLE. WANT RHINO GONE? PAY FOR IT. WANT LIPS ZIPPED? PAY.
UNTIL YOU DO? I STAY. LET PEOPLE TALK. WHO IS CARING?
HEH. THAT WASN'T JUST ANY OLD COP YOU HURT, ALEKSEI.
STACY WAS A FATHER FIGURE TO HALF THE DEPARTMENT. TO SPIDER-WOMAN HERSELF.
THERE'S ONLY SO LONG THAT EVEN I CAN PROTECT YOU...

"...IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE TROUBLE COMES KNOCKING."
AAAGGGH!
LEMME DOWN! LEMME DOWN!
DO IT.
GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTS.
W-WHY?! W-WHY ARE YOU DOIN' THIS?!
I DON'T KNOW NUTHIN'! I AIN'T NOBODY!
HEH.
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BIG MAN, FANCY DAN.
WON'T MAKING AN EXAMPLE OUT OF YOU MAKE YOUR FRIENDS A LOT MORE... COOPERATIVE?
PLINK
PLINK
WHAT? NO! WAIT! WAIT!
I DO KNOW THINGS! I DO!
I CAN HELP YOU!
HELP US? HOW CAN A LITTLE MAN LIKE YOU HELP US?
DO IT ANYWAY.
BAMF
SPIDER-WOMAN!
OTOMO?
FINALLY. SOMEONE WITH SOME GUTS.
HMPH. I SEE THE VENOM HAS TAKEN HOLD OF YOUR MIND QUICKLY, SPIDER-WOMAN. UNLOCKED A POWERFUL HUNGER.
BUT I AM NOT HERE TO INDULGE IT THIS DAY...

I BRING WORD FROM MASTER MURDOCK. AN OFFER FROM THE KINGPIN HIMSELF...
ALEKSEI SYTSEVICH IS NO LONGER UNDER OUR PROTECTION.
IF IT IS STILL THE RHINO YOU SEEK, YOU WILL FIND HIM HERE.
JACK'S
IS HE KIDDING? HE HAS TO BE #@@% JOKING, RIGHT?!
DOES HE THINK I'M STUPID?
MURDOCK MASTERMINDED EVERYTHING! ALL THIS IS ON HIS HEAD!
HM.
VENGEANCE FOR CAPTAIN STACY IS YOURS TO FIND FREELY, CHILD...
YOU WILL FIND NO BARRIER FROM THE HAND. I SUGGEST YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GESTURE.
WHATEVER MY MASTER'S REASONS, YOU MAY TRUST ONE THING--
"--SUCH AN OFFER WILL NOT COME SO EASILY AGAIN."
GUYS? UM...GUYS, WAIT?
PLINK.
GUYS?!

YESSIR. I UNDERSTAND.
THE BAR. JACK'S ON YANCY STREET.
MR. MURDOCK CAN COUNT ON US, SIR.
TELL THE BOYS TO SUIT UP.
SPIDER-WOMAN IS ON HER WAY.
ANOTHER PICKLEBACK ROUND, ALEKSEI? ON ME?
PFFFFBBTT. TELL ME, DEVIL...
...WHY IS IT EVERY TIME YOU GIVE...
...I AM ONE WHO TAKES IT--
ALEKSEI SYTSEVICH!
EH?
YOU OWE US BLOOD, RHINO--
--WE'RE HERE TO MAKE YOU PAY!

TING TING TING
WELP. THAT'S MY CUE. GOOD LUCK, ALEKSEI.
WAIT. THIS IS SPIDER-WOMAN?
WHAT HAPPENED? WAS SHE BITTEN BY WAMPIRE?!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, MURDOCK!
YOU'RE NEXT!
HEH. DEAR, DEAR GWENZELLE--
--WHY, I'M THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU THE POWER TO AVENGE YOUR FATHER, DID I NOT?
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO WASTE THIS MOMENT TRYING TO STOP ME?
OR USE THAT POWER TO PUNISH THE MAN WHO ACTUALLY HURT HIM?
=GULP=

"THE BIGGER PICTURE.
"SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO STEP BACK TO SEE IT.
WEEO WEEO WEEO
NYPD
"CHOOSE TO SACRIFICE A BATTLE...
"...IN ORDER TO WIN THE WAR.

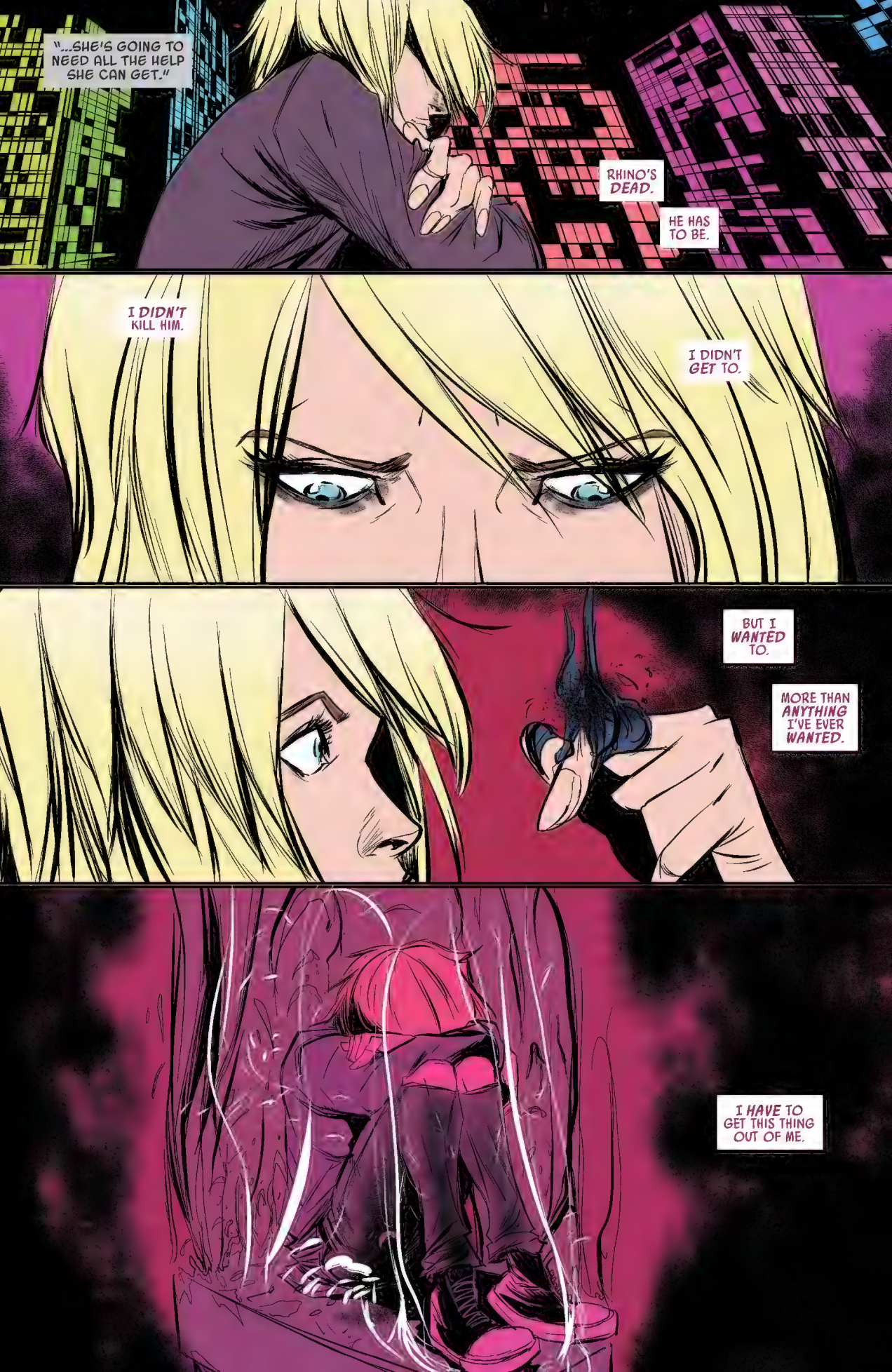
"MATT MURDOCK NOT ONLY RUNS THIS CITY NOW--
RRRRGH!
"--HE RUBS OUR FACES IN IT.
KASHHHSH
"MOVES US AROUND LIKE A SHELL GAME.
"ALWAYS SHIFTING. DIVERTING THE FOCUS AWAY FROM HIMSELF.
HURRNGH!
"WHILE I WAS BUSY CHASING MY OWN DEMONS...
THWIP
SHICK!!
"...PUNISHING MYSELF...
HURK.
"...FIGHTING LITTLE BATTLES WITH THE LIKES OF SPIDER-WOMAN...

"...THE DEVIL WAS WINNING THE WAR."
ALL RIGHT, BOYS--
--GAS 'EM!
HRRGK!
TSSS
STEADY, MEN.
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.
I KNEW IT...IT'S A SETUP.
KEEP THOSE SONIC BATONS READY.
KEEP THAT CAMERA GOING--
THEY--WANT ME TO DO THIS...
TO FINALLY-- GET THEIR PROOF!
BUT--WE...
...DON'T...
...CARE!
HUNH?

ARRRGGH!
KRUMMBA
=HACK=...
=HACK=...
C-CASTLE?
FRANK CASTLE?
=HACK=--
=HACK=--WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU--
STAY DOWN, STACY...
HRRNNH...
THIS BATTLE ISN'T WITH YOU.
THIS TIME IT'S WAR.

NO... =HACK=-- =HACK=--WHAT-- WHAT DID YOU DO?!
HE CAN'T BE...YOU CAN'T--
OURS!
SYSTEVICH WAS OURS!
SIR? WHAT--WHAT DO WE DO?
I--I DON'T--
HEH.
IT'S SIMPLE, BOYS...
YOU RUN
RRRNNNGGG!!
RRAAAAARRGHH!

FLOWERS?! FLOWERS?!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THE GALL OF THIS JERK?
Get well soon, Captain Stacy.
D.A. Foggy Nelson
IF FOGGY NELSON HAD DONE HIS DAMN JOB--
--THE RHINO WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ON THE STREET, MUCH LESS IN A CELL WITH GEORGE!
BEN, PLEASE...
NO, MAY. IT'S PETER ALL OVER AGAIN.
MY BEST FRIEND IS LYING THERE, THE VICTIM OF THIS MADNESS--
--AND I'M DOING WHAT? HOPING? PRAYING SOME GREATER POWER WILL FIX IT ALL?
I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE. I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.
THE DAILY BUGLE
BREAKING NEWS: RHINO HUNT ENDS?
Aleksei "The Rhino" Sytsevich SLAIN?
New look SPIDER-WOMAN to blame?
BEN...
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE'VE SAT BY AND LET OTHER PEOPLE TAKE ON OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS TOO LONG.
SPIDER-WOMAN IS HOW THIS STARTED. SHE'S THE KEY TO ENDING IT.
WE HAVE TO FIND HER.
AND TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO FIND GWEN STACY...


"...SHE'S GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP SHE CAN GET."
RHINO'S DEAD.
HE HAS TO BE.
I DIDN'T KILL HIM.
I DIDN'T GET TO.
BUT I WANTED TO.
MORE THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED.
I HAVE TO GET THIS THING OUT OF ME.

FOUR CORN DOGS.
THREE PIZZA SLICES.
TWO BAGS OF STREET-CART NUTS.
A BUCKET OF CHICKEN WINGS...
...WRAPPED IN PIZZA.
GROCERY ETC
WAIT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN ALL THE ICE CREAM SANDWICHES?!
ALL THAT...
...AND MY MOUTH IS STILL WATERING.
WE BOTH KNOW THIS GAME, BANDIT...
YOU "ESCAPE," AND TOMORROW YOUR DADDY'LL COME BY AND PAY TEN TIMES WHAT ALL THIS COSTS JUST SO I DON'T PRESS CHARGES.
BUT DAMN, MAN. WHY YOU GOTTA WASTE GOOD--
JUST HAND 'EM OVER, PAL!
NOTHING TASTES RIGHT.
NOTHING IS ENOUGH.
TEEE HEE HEE!
TEEE HEE HEE HEEEE!
AIN'T RIGHT.
AIN'T NO KINDA--
--RIGHT?
IF I WERE HUNGRY I'D UNDERSTAND IT.
BUT I'M NOT...

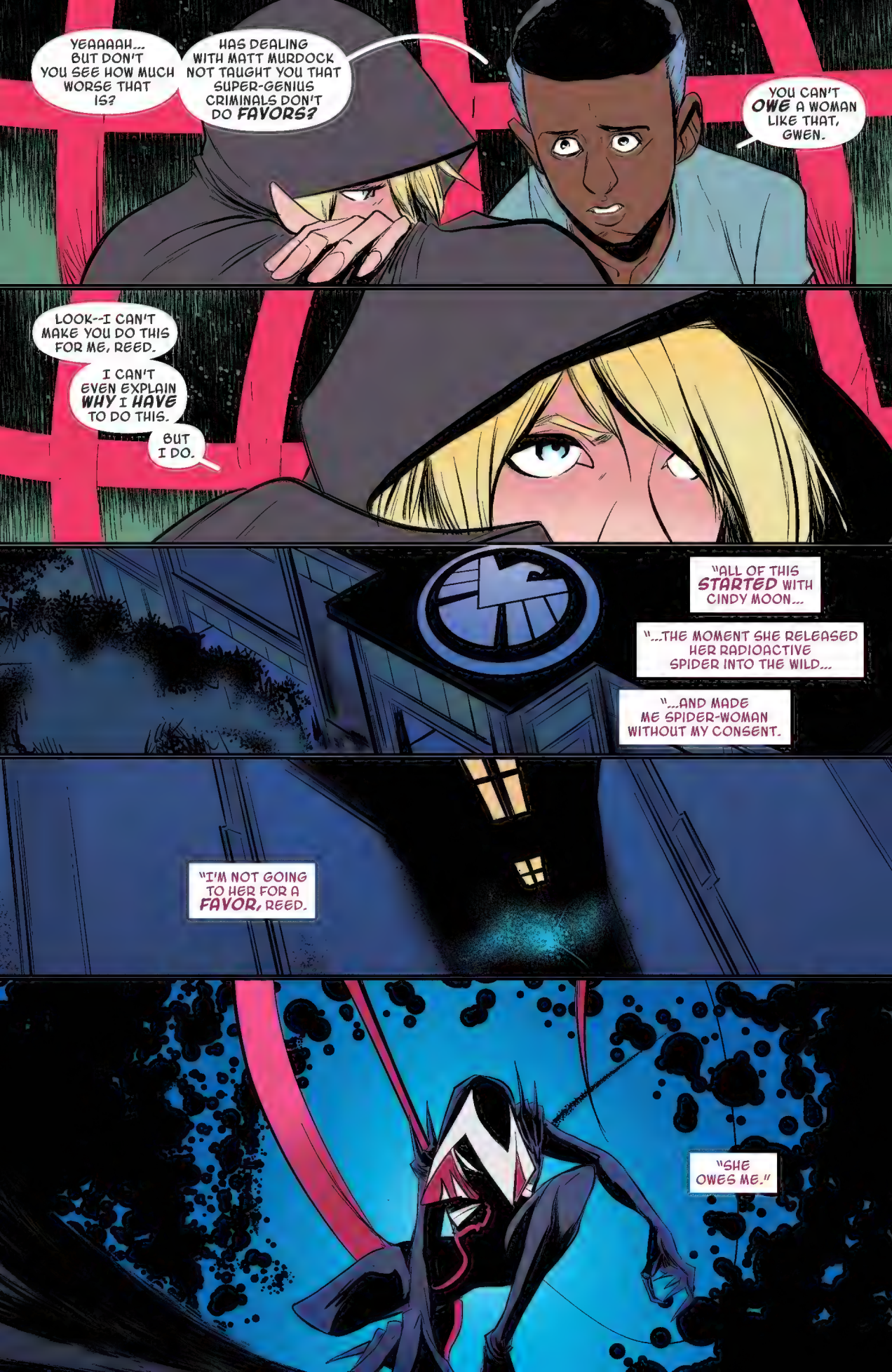
...IT'S MY APPETITE.
HAHA! I DID IT!
I DID IT AGAIN!
ALL MY APPETITES ARE OUT OF CONTROL.
NOTHING CAN STOP ME!
NOTHING CAN STOP THE BODEGA BAN--
HUNGF!

RIDICULOUS.
SSQQRRRRRR
NO... DON'T...
PATHETIC.
WE'RE TIRED, BANDIT.
BORED BY THIS OBNOXIOUS GAME...
YOU'RE EVERYTHING WRONG WITH THIS WORLD.
AS BROKEN AS ITS JUSTICE.
DO WHAT NO ONE ELSE WILL.
A JOKE THAT'S GONE ON TOO LONG.
CRUSH HIM BECAUSE YOU CAN.
PLEASE... CAN'T...CAN'T YOU SEE...
...I DON'T...I NEVER WANTED TO BE LIKE THIS...
...TO LIVE THIS WAY.
FIRST TIME WAS A GOOF. A DUMB THRILL.
BUT NOW...
...I CAN'T STOP.
I JUST...
...CAN'T?
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR FRIEND???

THE NEXT MORNING.
GROCERY ETC
NYPD
C'MON, YOU'RE DOING A GOOD THING HERE. BEING A CONCERNED CITIZEN...
JUST TELL DETECTIVE DEWOLFF WHAT YOU TOLD ME, MARVIN.
OH, I'M CONCERNED, BOYLE.
CONCERNED 'BOUT BECOMIN' A MIDNIGHT SNACK FOR SOME RED-KRYPTONITE SPIDER-WOMAN!
MARVIN, BELIEVE IN ME.
AS SOMEONE WHO'S LOOKED INTO HER EYES...
...SPIDER-WOMAN'S JUST CONFUSED. IN PAIN.
SOMEONE CLOSE TO HER WAS HURT VERY BADLY. AND SHE'S NOT DEALING WITH IT WELL.
YEAH. I SAW THAT ON THE NEWS. THAT COP? CAPTAIN STACY?
WELL, THAT'S WHAT THE DAILY BUGLE THINKS, BUT WE CAN'T--
YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT, MARVIN. CAPTAIN STACY.
AND WE JUST WANT TO PREVENT ANYONE ELSE FROM BEING HURT.
YEAH, I CAN APPRECIATE THAT. BUT LOOK, EVEN IF I COULD HELP YOU--
--CAPTAIN STACY WAS ONE OF YOUR OWN. UNDER YOUR PROTECTION.
IF THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO? WELL...

"...SORRY, LADY. BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN."
=SIGH= ALL THAT FOR THE BODEGA FREAKING BANDIT.
I NEED A DRINK.
YEAH. THAT GUY.
THAT GUY'S THE WORST.
SORRY, DEWOLFF. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT REALLY BE SOMETHING.
IT'S A FRESH SIGHTING, ONLY A COUPLE OF BLOCKS FROM WHERE FRANK CASTLE KILLED THE RHINO.
NO MEAT ON IT, BOYLE-- BUT IT'S A BONE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE GETS LOOSE--SPIDER-WOMAN ALWAYS TURNS THE BODEGA BANDIT IN.
EXCEPT THIS TIME.
HOW CRAZY IS IT THAT FRANK CASTLE STARTING A DAMN WAR WITH THE KINGPIN CONCERNS ME LESS?
WHEN WE GET BACK, GIVE THIS NUMBER A CALL.
START LOOKING INTO THESE GIRLS.
THE "MARY JANES"?
GS-212-247 THE MARY JANES
WAIT. ISN'T THAT CAPTAIN STACY'S DAUGHTER'S BAND?
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR FRIEND??
HEH. WELL, DAMN. I KNEW YOU WERE QUICK, BOYLE...

"...BUT NOBODY TOLD ME YOU WERE SHERLOCK HOLMES."
DID I FIGURE IT OUT?
S.H.I.E.L.D.'S ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE IS ALL STARK TECH, GWEN.
AND I'M A REED RICHARDS.
WHICH MEANS, UNLIKE TONY STARK, I HAVE SKILLS--REACH AND INFLUENCE THAT DON'T RELY ON THE BRAIN-NUMBING AROMA OF MY AFTER-SHAVE.
OF COURSE I FIGURED IT OUT.
I FOUND THE TOP-SECRET S.H.I.E.L.D. PRISON THEY'RE KEEPING CINDY MOON IN.*
I CAN EVEN DISABLE THEIR SURVEILLANCE AND USE THE GATEWAY I BUILT TO GET YOU IN.
BUT I GOTTA BE HONEST--
*SEE THE PAGES OF SPIDER-WOMEN!
--APPEALING TO MY EGO? ASKING ME TO COMMIT SERIOUS CRIMES JUST TO EFF WITH TONY STARK?
THIS WHOLE NEW TEENAGE MUTATED REVENJA TURTLE STYLE OF YOURS?
THESE ARE BORDERLINE DIABOLICAL MOVES ON YOUR PART, GWEN.
I KNOW.
I KNOW HOW IT LOOKS, REED. BUT I PROMISE YOU...I'M NOT GOING THERE TO HURT HER.
I NEED CINDY-65'S HELP.


YEAAAAH... BUT DON'T YOU SEE HOW MUCH WORSE THAT IS?
HAS DEALING WITH MATT MURDOCK NOT TAUGHT YOU THAT SUPER-GENIUS CRIMINALS DON'T DO FAVORS?
YOU CAN'T OWE A WOMAN LIKE THAT, GWEN.
LOOK--I CAN'T MAKE YOU DO THIS FOR ME, REED.
I CAN'T EVEN EXPLAIN WHY I HAVE TO DO THIS.
BUT I DO.
"ALL OF THIS STARTED WITH CINDY MOON...
"...THE MOMENT SHE RELEASED HER RADIOACTIVE SPIDER INTO THE WILD...
"...AND MADE ME SPIDER-WOMAN WITHOUT MY CONSENT.
"I'M NOT GOING TO HER FOR A FAVOR, REED.
"SHE OWES ME."

Y'KNOW WHAT KEEPS ME UP AT NIGHT, MAN?
THE DUNK 'EM DONUTS LOGO.
I MEAN, HOW IS THEIR MASCOT NOT A DOUGHNUT PLAYING BASKETBALL?
ALL THAT MARKETING RESEARCH AND THEY MISS A PUN THAT OBVIOUS?
ENOUGH... SWEET MOTHER MARY IN HEAVEN...
...ENOUGH!
OKAY, HERE GOES...FOCUS.
JUST LIKE YOU MAKE CLOTHES...
EVERY MORNING I THINK, "HE CAN'T GET WORSE TODAY. IMPOSSIBLE. NO SHOT." AND YET...
...YOU'RE LIKE LUKE SKYWALKER AND MY BRAIN IS THE DEATH STAR!
"PREDATOR" MODE.
HEY, SCREW YOU, CHAD!
YOU THINK I LIKE HAVING THESE THOUGHTS IN MY--
HRNGH!
GUNFGH!

YEAH. EAT YOUR HEART OUT, MILES MORALES.
Hang in There
HEH. YOU CALL THIS STEALTH, DO YOU?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE DRIVEN THROUGH THE WALL IN A SEMITRUCK.
=SIGH=
LEAVE IT TO YOU TO TURN BLACK. SO BASIC.
C'MON.
THE GUARDS WILL BE HERE SOON.
IF YOU WANT ANY PRIVACY YOU BETTER SHUT THE DOOR.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. HOW IS SHE SO...
IS SHE ACTUALLY DOING YOGA?
SOOO?
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT, MS. STACY?
AWW. I'M SORRY. THAT'S UNFAIR. AN IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION FOR YOU, I'M SURE.
ALLOW ME TO REPHRASE--
WHAT IS IT YOU THINK YOU WANT?
HRK!
WHAT DO I WANT?
YOU RUINED MY LIFE!
WHY?!
I WANT TO KNOW WHY!
HUUURNNNGGGHHH

HEH. "WHY?"
WELL, AREN'T YOU FULL OF SURPRISES. AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU'D ASK ME THE OBVIOUS...
...I THOUGHT YOU'D ASK ME "HOW."
I MEAN-- THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT? TO KNOW HOW.
HOW TO BEAT MATT MURDOCK?
HOW TO CONTROL THAT DEVIL ON YOUR SHOULDER?
"YOU THINK YOU'RE CURSED?
"TORTURED BY THE SENSELESSNESS OF WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
"HEH. YOU DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT BEING TORTURED.
"I WASTED HALF MY LIFE TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF MY FATE.
"TRYING TO RECAPTURE A MOMENT THAT PASSED ME BY.
"AND WHEN I FINALLY DID?
"I FELT A FEAR...
"...A HELPLESSNESS THAT SOMEONE WITH YOUR LUCK WILL NEVER KNOW."

KRSH
LUCK?!
LUCK?!
THAT'S YOUR ANSWER?!
YOU DID THIS TO ME BECAUSE YOU WERE SCARED?!
Hang in There
THAT'S RIGHT. I WAS.
AND IT'S TAKEN ME FAR TOO LONG TO ADMIT IT.
THE SPIDER I BUILT WAS MY LIFE'S WORK. WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE IF IT HAD FAILED TO WORK?
IF IT SUCCEEDED?
THERE'S NO SCIENTIFIC MUMBO JUMBO--NO MAGIC WAY OUT OF THIS.
THOSE DARK THOUGHTS? THE DOUBT? THE ANGER? THE FEAR SWIRLING IN YOUR MIND?
THEY'RE NOT SOME INVASION--SOME ALIEN FORCE--
--THEY'RE YOUR OWN.

THIS REVENGE YOU'RE SEEKING WILL NOT FREE YOU.
THE MORE YOU HATE MURDOCK, THE SMALLER YOU WILL BECOME.
THE MORE EASILY HE WILL CONTROL YOU.
BUT WHAT IF YOU WERE TO WALK OUT OF THAT DOOR TODAY--
--AND NEVER WASTE ONE SECOND THINKING OF MATT MURDOCK AGAIN?
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
DON'T YOU SEE, CHILD?
YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR.
THOOM
THOOM

"BUT, CINDY--I...
"...WHAT IF I CAN'T...
"...WHAT IF I CAN'T JUST..."
SPIDER-WOMAN!
"YES, GWEN. YOU CAN.
"OF COURSE YOU CAN."
YOU HAVE THREE SECONDS TO COMPLY!
COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS--
HUNGF!
THE ONLY QUESTION IS...
...WILL YOU?

OUR FRIENDS?!
OKAY, SO HERE'S THE PLAN.
TOMORROW-- GLORY, YOU TAKE SOHO. BETTY WILL COVER THE UPPER WEST SIDE...
WE CAN TRIPLE-TEAM DUMBO IN THE AFTERNOON AND THEN...
UGGGGGH. THE UPPER WASTE SIDE. REALLY?
EM JAY...
EM JAY, SIT DOWN.
WE NEED YOU TO TAKE YOUR TEETH OUT OF THIS A WHILE. WE NEED TO REST.
WHAT? NO WAY.
I DIDN'T BRAVE THE GAPING HELLMAW OF PORT AUTHORITY TO QUIT NOW, GLORY.
GWEN NEEDS US.
HMM.
I KNOW, EM JAY. BUT IF GWEN IS SPIDER-WOMAN...
...THEN SHE'S BEEN ON HER OWN A LOT LONGER THAN WE EVER REALIZED, RIGHT?
BAD AS I FEEL ABOUT MISSING WHAT WAS GOING ON RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES...
Hey bird-butt. u around?
Need yer help...
...WE CAN'T MAKE UP FOR IT ALL IN ONE DAY.
AND I DON'T THINK WE CAN DO THIS ALL--
Knock Knock
--ALONE?

HSSSSSS
WAIT.
WHAT?
HARDY, FELICIA
THAT'S NOT--
--THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
HARDY
FELICI

FELICIA?
FELICIA HARDY?
GWEN?
IT'S YOU. IT'S REALLY YOU. BUT--
--BUT FELICIA, THIS--
--THIS IS A S.H.I.E.L.D. PRISON.
WHAT ARE YOU...
"I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE...
"...SINCE YOUR CONCERT IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN..."*
*WAAAAAY BACK IN SPIDER-GWEN VOL. 1 #5!
...SINCE YOU TRIED TO KILL MATT MURDOCK.

GWEN?! GWEN-- C'MON!
I CAN'T KEEP THIS GATEWAY OPEN MUCH LONGER.
IF YOU WANT OUT-- YOU GOTTA MOVE!
GWEN?!
FELICIA... WE HAVE TO GO. WE HAVE TO--
NO.
THERE'S NO POINT, GWEN. NO USE IN RUNNING.
MURDOCK'S THE KINGPIN NOW.
HE HOLDS ALL THE CARDS. PULLS ALL THE STRINGS.
ANYTHING OR ANYONE WHO'S NOT IN HIS POCKET YET...
...IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY WILL BE.
"I TOOK MY SHOT AT HIM.
"AND THIS? THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED--
"--WHEN I MISSED."

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER, MACH ABOVE NEW YORK CITY.
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, DIRECTOR CARTER... YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME HERE.
THE CITY'S SET TO EXPLODE INTO A CAGE MATCH--
--AND I'M THE CHAIR TO THE FACE THEY'LL NEVER SEE COMIN'!
=SIGH= TRUST ME, FALCON...
...I'D LOVE TO KICK YOU OUT INTO THE YARD TO PLAY, SON.
BUT SPIDER-WOMAN AND HER MISADVENTURES ARE SMALL POTATOES. A DISTRACTION.
ON MY TO-DO LIST, IT'S--WHERE'S IT AT, QUARTERMAIN?
WE'VE GOT A EUGENICS WAR ON MT. WUNDAGORE. CELESTIALS THUMB-WRESTLING OFF THE SHOULDER OF ORION.
AND A PLAGUE OF FROGS FORMING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.
THOR FROGS.
HEAR THAT, SON? THROGS.
SO I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL, OKAY?
YOU KEEP READY FOR ACTUAL EMERGENCIES. STAY OUT OF MY HAIR.
AND I'LL LET YOU WATCH PAY-PER-VIEW WRESTLING UNTIL YOUR EYES EXPLODE.
Need yer help...
Gwen is missing, Sam--

You know how much I hate asking this… but Peggy won't let me off-leash.
It's Gwen Stacy. Something's wrong with Spider-Woman…
You know how much I hate asking this… but Peggy won't let me off-leash
It's Gwen Stacy. Something's wrong with Spider-Woman.
Don't worry Falcon.
I'm already on it.

YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND...
MATT MURDOCK'S ALWAYS BEEN... INTENSE.
I ROOMED WITH THE GUY FOR THREE YEARS OF LAW SCHOOL.
BELIEVE ME. I KNOW...
BUT I SWEAR... I NEVER THOUGHT HE WAS CAPABLE...
I NEVER REALLY BELIEVED HE COULD...
NO. I KNEW.
I KNEW AND I STILL DID WHAT I ALWAYS DO...

"...I LET HIM PUSH ME OVER THE EDGE."
TWENTY-ONE.
HOUSE WINS. AGAIN.
WHAT THE #@%?! HOW'D YOU--
I HAD TWENTY!
SORRY, RICHIE. BAD BEAT. TOUGH NIGHT.
GET 'EM NEXT TIME, HUH?
WHAT? NO. NO NEXT TIME!
ANOTHER HAND. PUT IT ON MY TAB. I'M GOOD FOR IT.
NAH...
YOU AIN'T GOOD FOR NOTHIN', RICHIE. NOT HERE.
TIME TO CALL IT A NIGHT.
RGH.
YOU DO KNOW WHO I AM, RIGHT, "MONTANA"?
WHAT I DID FOR THE KINGPIN?
WHAT MURDOCK OWES ME?

SPLOSH
GUNF!
WORD OF ADVICE, RICHIE...
LAST GUY BLABBIN' 'BOUT WHAT THE KINGPIN OWED HIM ENDED UP IN THE NEWS.

TALK THAT KINDA MESS IN HERE AGAIN...

...AN' YOU CAN JOIN HIM IN THE OBITUARIES.

EVEN BEFORE HE SOLD HIS SOUL...
...RICHIE ROGERS WAS NEVER MUCH OF A COP.
BLURGCH!

BOTTOM OF HIS CLASS AT THE ACADEMY.
A POLICE-STRIKE SCAB WHO ONLY HUNG ON BECAUSE HE WAS A LAUGH AT THE BAR.
REPRIMANDED SIXTEEN TIMES IN HIS FOUR YEARS ON PATROL.
EVEN AFTER SIX MONTHS OF SENSITIVITY TRAINING--
--THE REVIEW BOARD STILL WANTED HIS BADGE.
SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH
BUT INSTEAD THE GOOD OL' BOY NETWORK SHUFFLED HIM TO DESK DUTY.
DESPERATE, BORED, A WOLF IN A SHEEPDOG'S CLOTHING.
ONE MORE ROLL...ONE MORE ROLL...
OH! OH! DAMN!
OH, WHAT UP, BIG MAN? YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?
SOME?
NAH...
...I'LL TAKE IT ALL.
A MAN WHO THOUGHT HE COULD GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING.
BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HAS.

I'VE WATCHED OFFICER RICHIE ROGERS FOR DAYS NOW...
...LOOKING FOR ANY REASON TO GIVE HIM A PASS.
AND ALL I'VE SEEN ARE MORE REASONS HE SHOULD ROT IN JAIL.
JAIL...
NO. JAIL'S TOO GOOD FOR HIM.
HE BELONGS IN HELL.
DAILY BUGLE
SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH SKRITCH
ARGES FOR ROGERS
at center of Captain
heating walks.
TELL US, RICHIE...
...HOW DO YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT?
HNNGK?!

WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, RICHIE...
HOW HARD IT IS TO RESIST...
A-A-AGGH!
BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER, DID YOU?
GLURGGGH!
HEH. EVEN WITHOUT THE VENOM'S HELP, WE CAN FEEL IT...
YOU REEK OF GUILT.
OF SHAME.
N-NO. NO PROOF.
I W-WAS CLEARED...I--I D-DIDN'T...
HOW MUCH YOU REGRET WHO YOU ARE...
WHAT YOU'VE BECOME.
OUT...GET OUT...
PEST SPRAY
GET OUT OF MY DAMN HEAD!
TSSSSSH

OH, YOU POOR, LITTLE MAN.
GRRRK... GKKK...
NO MORE... PLEASE...GKK... NO MORE...
YOU THINK YOU CAN SO EASILY BE RID OF US?
RID OF YOUR SINS?
THE NIGHT YOU OPENED CAPTAIN STACY'S CELL FOR THE RHINO MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A THRILL.
YOU MUST HAVE FELT SO POWERFUL. SO HIGH.
AND NOW HERE YOU ARE... SO LOW.
SO SICK WITH THE REALIZATION...
...THAT YOU'LL NEVER MATTER AGAIN.

SCARY, ISN'T IT, RICHIE?
BEING NOTHING.
AHH--AHH--AGH...
YOU SEE, WE THOUGHT WHAT WE DID MATTERED ONCE...
THIS MASK IS MY BADGE NOW...
BUT MAYBE WE'RE LIKE YOU.
MAYBE WE DID ALL OF THIS JUST TO FEEL POWERFUL.
FUNNY THING IS...NOW? NOW WE'RE STRONG. STRONGER THAN WE'VE EVER BEEN...
SHINK
...BUT WE FEEL SO WEAK.

HEH.
THOSE STUPID SPEECHES OF YOURS...
AND THEY CALL ME "THE PUNISHER"?
CASTLE...

YOU!
YOU STOLE IT!
THIS REVENGE YOU'RE SEEKING WILL NOT FREE YOU.
YOU STOLE THE RHINO!
STOLE OUR CHANCE!
BUT WHAT IF YOU WERE TO WALK OUT OF THAT DOOR TODAY--
--AND NEVER WASTE ONE SECOND THINKING OF MATT MURDOCK AGAIN?

YOU STOLE EVERYTHING!
HNGGF!
DON'T YOU SEE, CHILD?
FOOOM
HEH.
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
ENACTING YOUR BLOOD-SOAKED REVENGE?
YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR.

YOUR REVENGE AGAINST WHO? THE RHINO? THIS NOBODY?
WHO'S NEXT? THE BUFFOON WHO STEALS CORN DOGS?
ENOUGH DISTRACTIONS. ENOUGH EXCUSES.
THIS IS WHAT IT WAS ALL FOR.
YOU'RE FINALLY CUT FREE.
NO FAMILY.
NO ONE TO PROTECT.
NO WORRY TO HOLD YOU BACK.
IT'S TIME.
TIME TO FINALLY TAKE THIS WAR TO MURDOCK.
WAIT... WHAT? WHAT TIME DID YOU START DRINKING, CASTLE?
A TEAM-UP?
YOU WANT A @$%# TEAM-UP?

YOU PUT ALL THIS IN MOTION! YOU TRIED TO RUIN OUR LIVES!
WITHOUT YOU, DAD NEVER WOULD NEVER HAVE-- HAVE--
RRRRRGGGH!
PTHOOMM
PTHOOMM
PTHOOMM
PTHOOMM
HSSS

I SEE YOU NEED SOME TIME TO THINK.
...NOT LIKE YOU.
NEVER BE LIKE YOU.
HEH.
I'LL BE IN TOUCH.

TODAY, RICHIE...
TODAY'S YOUR LUCKY DAY.
TODAY, YOU GET THE CHANCE YOU NEVER GAVE CAPTAIN STACY...
A CHANCE FOR US BOTH TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
WHEN THOSE WEBS DISSOLVE, YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES.
YOU EITHER WALK INTO THE POLICE STATION AND CONFESS YOUR CRIMES TO DETECTIVE JEAN DeWOLFF...
...OR YOU RUN.
BUT KNOW THAT IF YOU RUN...
...WE WILL FIND YOU.
AND WHEN WE DO? WELL...

"...A SMART MAN WOULD TURN HIMSELF IN."
WHAT ELSE AM I GONNA DO?
WHERE ELSE AM I GONNA GO?
THERE AIN'T NO RUNNIN', MAN... NOT FROM THIS THING SPIDER-WOMAN'S BECOME...
S-SHE COULDA-- I BARELY GOT OFF THAT ROOF WITHOUT BREAKIN' MY NECK!
AN' DEWOLFF? SHE'S CAPTAIN STACY'S OLD PARTNER. AIN'T NO WAY I CAN CONFESS TO HER...
FRANCIS NELSON DISTRICT ATTORN
SO I THOUGHT-- FOGGY NELSON. HE HELPED ME BEFORE.
AN', WELL-- IF IT COMES OUT THAT YOU WAS IN ON WHAT HAPPENED--
WELL, YOU STAND AS MUCH TA LOSE AS ME HERE.
SO I JUS' THOUGHT MAYBE...
...MAYBE YOU COULD REACH OUT TA MR. MURDOCK FOR ME?
MR. NELSON? FOGGY, YOU STILL THERE?
YEAH.
YEAH, I'M HERE, RICHIE.

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING COMING TO ME.
JUST SIT TIGHT.
BAMF
I'LL SEND SOMEONE RIGHT OVER.
OH, THANK GOD... THANK...
SHINK
GIEEGHHHH!
CRUNCH

TONIGHT ONLY
THE MARY JANES
CANCELED
PLEASE, SIR. SPARE A MOMENT--
MAYBE YOU'VE SEEN THIS MISSING GIRL?
HEH. MAKE ME LATE FOR WORK AND YOU'LL BE MISSING YOUR TEETH, BUDDY.
PLEASE, MA'AM.
HER NAME IS GWEN STACY AND SHE'S--SHE'S LIKE MY NIECE--
"GLEN SPICY"? NOPE. SORRY. DON'T KNOW KNOW 'IM.
NO. STACY. GWEN--
THE MARY JANES
CANCELED
USELESS. THIS IS #$%& USE--
DING
Hey, Mr. Parker--
Mary Jane
Can u head 2 Williamsburg 2 relieve Betty?
Mary Jane
Can u head 2 Williamsburg 2 relieve Betty?
Mary Jane
Sure, but I just got to Queens. I woolly mammoths time to
TAK TAK TAK TAK
WHAT? NO, YOU STUPID-- NOT "WOOLY MAMM--
UNF!
MISSING
STAY OUTTA THE WALKWAY, HIPPIE!

HEY! HEY!
AGH! WHAT'RE YOU--
ENOUGH! HAD ENOUGH!
SELFISH PUNK LIKE YOU, WALKIN' AROUND WITHOUT A DAMNED CARE!
WHILE THE GOOD FOLKS GET TRAMPLED--
--GET BURIED!
RRRGH!
CRACK
HRNG.
C-CRAZY...
S-STAY AWAY FROM ME, Y-YOU LOONY OLD COOT!
WE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BEN...

MISSING
LOST.
GUILTY.
POWERLESS.
MAYBE THERE'S NO JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD.
BUT THE ANGER...THE PAIN...
MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE TO PUT IT...
...TOGETHER?

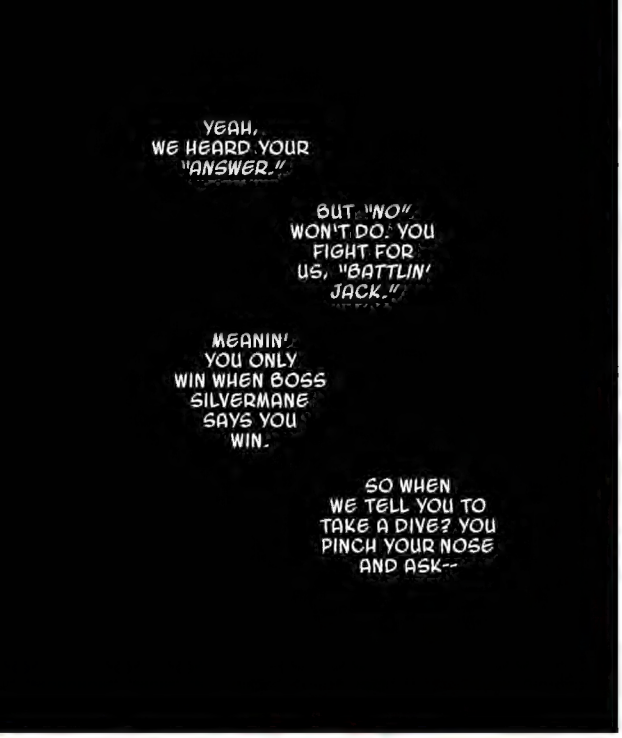
THE MARY JANES
CANCELED
WHEN I FIRST PUT ON MY MASK...
...I WASN'T DOING IT TO HIDE.
I NEVER SET OUT TO LIE TO ANYONE.
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR FRIEND???
I JUST HAD TOO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES.
TOO MANY EXPECTATIONS.
I KNEW THAT NO MATTER WHAT I COULD DO NOW, OR WHAT I'D BECOME--
--I'D ALWAYS BE GWEN TO YOU.
YOU'D NEVER LET ME GROW. OR CHANGE. NOT REALLY.
SO I THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO PRETEND NOTHING CHANGED. TO LET GWEN STACY REMAIN SOMEONE YOU COULD UNDERSTAND.
SO I SPLIT MY LIFE IN TWO.
LIVED TWO HALVES OF NOTHING.

FOR A VERY LONG TIME, I'VE BEEN SCARED TO ADMIT THAT.
TERRIFIED THAT SAYING IT ALOUD WOULD MAKE IT TRUE.
BUT NOW?
WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR LIES.
WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY.
HSSSS
TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, WE HAVE TO BE WHOLE.
WE'RE TOO ANGRY TO BE SCARED ANYMORE.

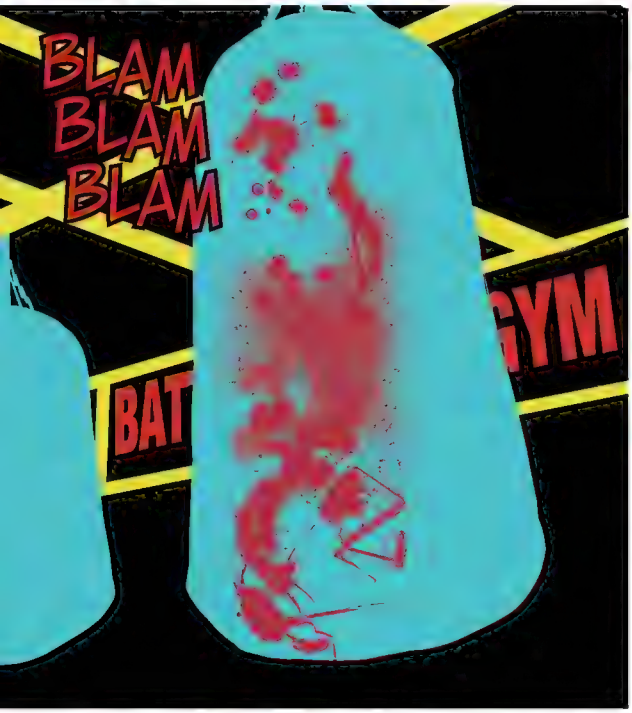
W-WHY?
W-WHY ARE YOU D-DOING THIS...
MR. MURDOCK...
DING DING
...WHY WON'T YOU LET ME DIE?
"WHY?"
HEH. AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--I FINALLY GET WHAT THE NUNS HATED ABOUT THAT QUESTION.
DING DING DING
YOU KNOW, OFFICER ROGERS--THIS STUPID "WATCH" HASN'T SHUT UP SINCE I STOLE IT FROM SPIDER-WOMAN.
DING DING DING
ALL NIGHT LONG, IT DINGS. LIKE SOME STUPID TELL-TALE HEART.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY. OR HOW TO MAKE IT STOP.
YOUR STUPID QUESTIONS, ON THE OTHER HAND...

HURRNNGH...
HEH. "WHY?"
YOU'RE ROADKILL, RICHIE-- THE HIGHWAY'S ALREADY GIVEN YOU YOUR ANSWERS.
"WHY DIDN'T I SHOW SOME SELF-CONTROL?"
"WHY COULDN'T I JUST KEEP QUIET ABOUT CAPTAIN STACY?"
AH, THOSE PESKY LITTLE SECRETS. THEY HAVE A WAY OF KEEPING YOU, DON'T THEY, RICHIE?
AS A PROFESSIONAL PUPPET MASTER, I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE BURDEN OF KNOWLEDGE.
THE INNER WAR BETWEEN THE ARTISTE, STANDING INVISIBLY BEHIND THE WORK...
...AND THE ENTERTAINER, JUST DYING FOR APPLAUSE.
AND THAT'S "WHY" THIS IS HAPPENING TO YOU--
YOU'RE ONLY STILL BREATHING BECAUSE YOU WON'T BE MUCH LONGER.
BECAUSE, IN THE END, I'M MORE LIKE YOU THAN ANYONE WILL EVER KNOW.
I NEED AN AUDIENCE, RICHIE.
I NEED A PRIEST...

"...I NEED SOMEONE TO KNOW WHY."
OSCORP
MATT...?
MATTHEW... SON...WHERE ARE YOU?
I CAN'T...CAN'T SEE...
MOM?
MOM, HOLD ON. PLEASE...HELP IS...JUST...
CLOSER... MATT...
I CAN'T...JUST NEED...
...NEED TO SEE YOUR...
MOM?


YEAH, WE HEARD YOUR "ANSWER."
BUT "NO" WON'T DO. YOU FIGHT FOR US, "BATTLIN' JACK."
MEANIN' YOU ONLY WIN WHEN BOSS SILVERMANE SAYS YOU WIN.
SO WHEN WE TELL YOU TO TAKE A DIVE? YOU PINCH YOUR NOSE AND ASK--

"--HOW DEEP?"
YOUR WINNER AND NEW CHAMPIOOONNN...
BATTLIN' JACK MUUURRDOCK!


BLAM BLAM BLAM
GYM
BAT

C'MON, HE'S A BLIND KID. WHAT'S HE GONNA--
YOU HEARD SILVERMANE--

--NO WITNESSES.
CLICK

WHAT THE-- HNGH!
BLAM BLAM
KRUNCH
AIEEGGGH!
BATTLIN' JACK'S GYM
"YER ONE LUCKY KID. YA KNOW THAT?"
MARGARET MURDOCK
JONATHAN MURDOCK
SURE, CHAOS AND ORDER...YEAH, BOTH SIDES OF THE UNIVERSE DONE YA WRONG.
AIN'T NO DOUBT 'BOUT THAT.
BUT FOR ALL LIFE'S TAKEN FROM YA--
--IT'S GIVEN YA POWER.
A PURPOSE MOST FOLKS'D CHEAT, LIE AN' DIE FOR.
THERE'S A WAR ON, MATT.
AGAINST THE GREED AN' NEGLIGENCE THAT TOOK YER MOMMA.
TO STOP THE KINDA MEN WHO RUINED YER POP.
I'M A FIVE-STAR GENERAL, SON--

"--AN' I NEED ME SOME GOOD SOLDIERS."
IT'S OVER, SILVERMANE.
YER AS YESTERDAY AS YER CHEAP SUITS.
HEH. I SEE YOU FOUND YOURSELF A NEW FRIEND, STICK--
FUNNY. I FOUND ME A FEW OF MY OWN.
BAMF
BAMF
BAMF
BAMF
MASTER STICK?
KIRIGI.
GET BEHIND ME, MATTHEW.

THE BOY?

A CHILD DID ALL OF THIS?
AND YOU DARE TO STILL BREATHE?
WHERE IS YOUR HONOR?
B-BUT MASTER SAMURA...
HE--HE MOVES AS IF TEN STEPS AHEAD.
WITH THE SIGHT OF A THOUSAND EYES!
FEH. FOOL.
THE BOY'S POWER DID NOT BEST YOU. EVEN WITHOUT EYES, STICK COULD SEE...
HE HAS NOTHING LEFT.
NOTHING TO FEAR.
NOTHING TO HIDE.
"WITHOUT A LIFE TO CAGE HIM...
"...HE CAN BE ANYTHING."
"AND SO I JOINED THE HAND..."

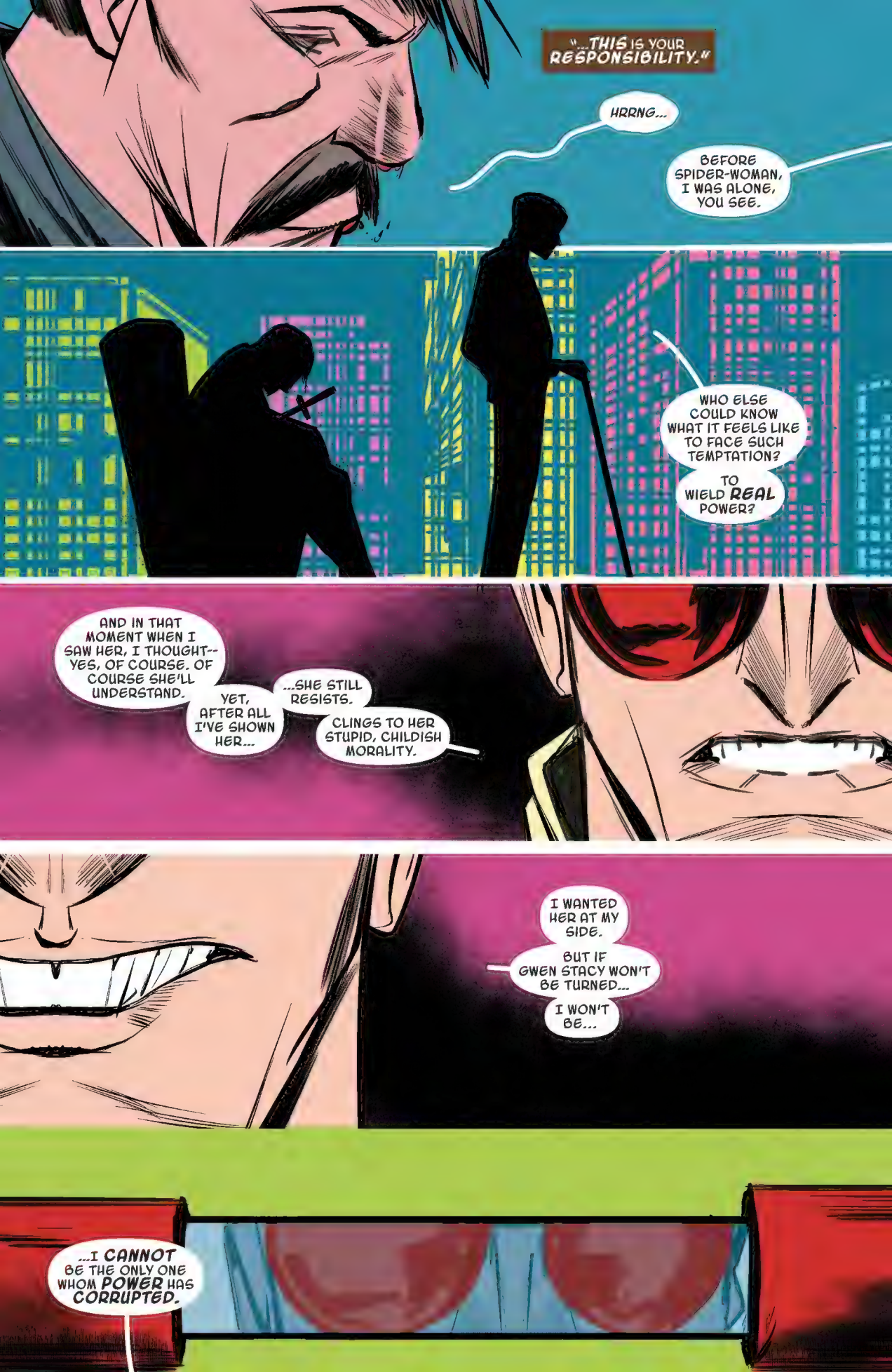
A FAMILY SITCOM OF ENDLESS TORTURE AND TRIAL...
...WHERE SIBLINGS FIGHT TO THE DEATH FOR A DOG'S SCRAPS...
...AND A WARRIOR'S WORTH WAS BASED ON THE EASE WITH WHICH HE COULD KILL HIS FIRST LOVER.
AN INESCAPABLE GLOBAL EMPIRE OF MURDER AND GRAFT.
A FINGER IN EVERY PIE. A DEATH GRIP ON EVERY CULTURE.
THANK GOD I WASN'T RAISED BY THE ALABAMA BRANCH.
"THE HAND WAS THE CLOSEST I'VE EVER COME TO HAVING A PURPOSE.
"BOUND IN BLOOD. MY POWER UNBRIDLED.
"IT WAS THE CLOSEST TO UNDERSTANDING I'VE EVER FELT."
BUT YOU SEE, MASTER SAMURA WAS WRONG IN THE END, RICHIE.
LOSS FREED ME.
BUT POWER CAGED ME.
"I AM SOMETHING MORE THAN THEY COULD EVER UNDERSTAND."

SOON EVEN THE HAND FEARED ME.
SO THEY DID WHAT ANY PARENT WOULD DO.
THEY SENT ME AWAY.
NEW YORK WAS INTENDED TO OCCUPY ME. TO BE MY SCRATCHING POST.
"POSITIONED BESIDE FISK, I BROKE MAN'S LAWS FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT.
"AND WHEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, I BURIED MY KNIFE DEEP IN HIS BACK--
"--AND TOOK ALL HE HAD.
"JUST LIKE THAT I SIMPLY REACHED OUT AND DID THE IMPOSSIBLE.
"I'D NEVER BEEN SO HIGH.
"OR FELT SO LOW.
"THERE WAS NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. ALL THAT LAY AHEAD WAS BLOOD SIMPLY FOR THE SAKE OF BLOOD.
"I'D LIE AWAKE WISHING IT WERE TAKEN AWAY, FEARING THAT IT WOULD BE.
"BECAUSE I KNEW THAT NOT ONLY WOULD I DO IT ALL AGAIN...
"...BUT THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD STOP ME.
"BUT BEFORE I COULD...
"...I SAW HER...

THE MARY JANES
CANCELED
"--AND I KNEW I WAS NO LONGER ALONE."
LOOK, I KNOW THIS IS...
...WELL, IT'S A LOT.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I EXPECT YOU TO FOLLOW THIS.
OR TO EVER UNDERSTAND...
I'VE LIED TO YOU SO LONG.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I EXPECT YOU TO EVER BELIEVE ME.
OR TO TRUST ME.
OR EVER FORGIVE ME.
IT'S JUST... IF WHAT'S LEFT OF GWEN STACY HAS TO DIE...
...I NEEDED YOU TO KNOW WHAT I DID IT ALL FOR.
I NEEDED YOU TO KNOW WHY.

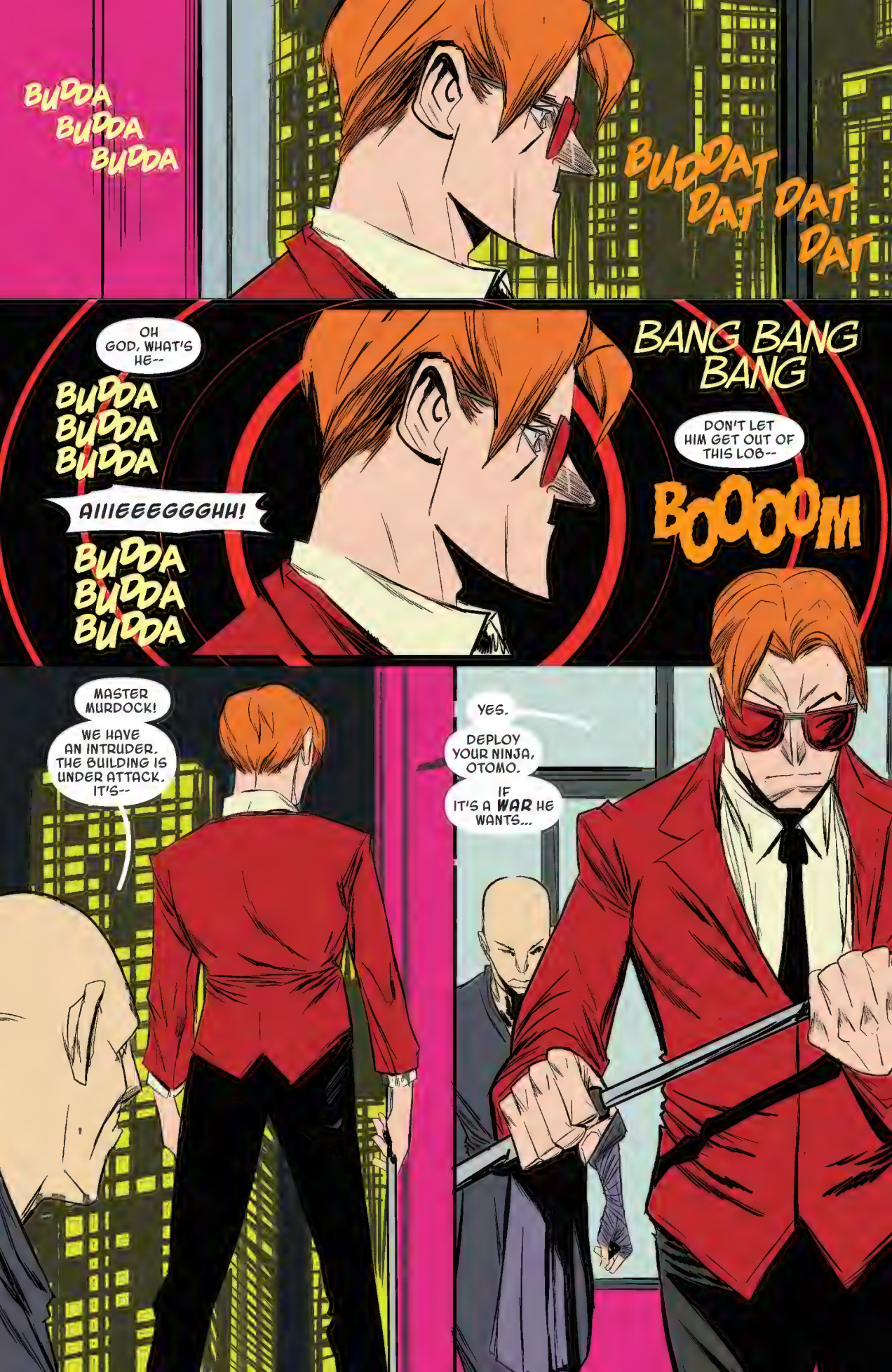
GWEN...I'M NOT GOING TO LIE TO YOU...
...THIS IS SOME #$%@$% YOU'VE PUT US THROUGH.
BUT, C'MON--YOU'RE OUR SISTER. WHAT DID YOU THINK WE WERE GONNA DO?
I MEAN, EM JAY'S BEEN CONVINCED YOU'RE SPIDER-WOMAN FOR WEEKS. WE'VE SEARCHED HEAVEN AND EARTH TO FIND YOU--
AND HOBOKEN! I WENT TO NEW #@$% JERSEY!
WE CAN HELP YOU. EM JAY, TELL HER WE CAN--
YOU SAID "DIE."
WHAT DID YOU MEAN, "GWEN STACY HAS TO DIE"?
MATT MURDOCK, HE--
--HE NEVER FLINCHES. NEVER HESITATES.
HE'S NOT BURDENED BY SYMPATHY OR CONCERN FOR OTHERS...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T STOP HIM.
NOT WITHOUT LETTING GO OF WHO I WAS, FOREVER.

GWEN, THAT'S CRAZY. THAT'S--
IT'S CLOWN TOWN CURLY FRIES!
THIS ISN'T YOUR...WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO BE YOU? YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY OF THIS!
LET CAPTAIN AMERICA HANDLE THIS!
NO.
BEN... DON'T.
NO. I'M SORRY, MAY. BUT THIS...
THESE GIRLS ARE WRONG, GWEN. THIS. THIS IS THE PRICE.
PETER PAID IT. YOUR FATHER...
IT'S YOUR TURN.
YOU ALONE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS...
...THIS CHANCE TO MAKE THIS BASTARD MURDOCK PAY FOR WHAT HE DID TO YOUR FATHER.
TO MAKE LOSING PETER COUNT.
YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN THIS POWER FOR A REASON, GWEN.
YOU.
NO ONE ELSE...


"...THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY."
HRRNG...
BEFORE SPIDER-WOMAN, I WAS ALONE, YOU SEE.
WHO ELSE COULD KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO FACE SUCH TEMPTATION?
TO WIELD REAL POWER?
AND IN THAT MOMENT WHEN I SAW HER, I THOUGHT--YES, OF COURSE. OF COURSE SHE'LL UNDERSTAND.
YET, AFTER ALL I'VE SHOWN HER...
...SHE STILL RESISTS.
CLINGS TO HER STUPID, CHILDISH MORALITY.
I WANTED HER AT MY SIDE.
BUT IF GWEN STACY WON'T BE TURNED...
I WON'T BE...
...I CANNOT BE THE ONLY ONE WHOM POWER HAS CORRUPTED.

SLSSH
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, RICHIE.
I FEEL...MUCH BETTER.
DING DING DING

BRIGG
BRI GG
"IT'S TIME."
TIME TO FINALLY TAKE THIS WAR TO MURDOCK.
"I'LL BE IN TOUCH."


BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDAT DAT DAT DAT
OH GOD, WHAT'S HE--
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
AIIIEEEGGGHH!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
BANG BANG BANG
DON'T LET HIM GET OUT OF THIS LOB--
BOOOOM
MASTER MURDOCK!
WE HAVE AN INTRUDER. THE BUILDING IS UNDER ATTACK. IT'S--
YES.
DEPLOY YOUR NINJA, OTOMO.
IF IT'S A WAR HE WANTS...

"...IT'S A WAR FRANK CASTLE WILL GET."

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZ...
UTAU?
UTAU, ARE YOU...
WATCHER OF EARTH-65!
YOU DARE SLUMBER AT YOUR POST?!
WH--HUH?!
RRRGGGH--WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
HEH. YES. MY FAULT.
THE SQUIRREL PIES IN YOUR LAP WERE FRAMED.
WHAT IS THIS? NO CALL AHEAD?
WHAT IF I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF--
OH, YES? DO TELL. THE BODEGA BANDIT STRIKES AGAIN, DOES HE?
EARTH-SHATTERING.
THE COUNCIL SENT YOU TO CHECK UP ON ME AGAIN?
I'M NO SNITCH, UTAU.
I'M DUTY BOUND TO EARTH-8'S TIMELINE ALONE.
EVER TO OBSERVE. NEVER TO INTERFERE...

YEAH, YEAH. SACRED OATH. EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.
EARTH-8? HA. YOUR WATCH ON EARTH-8'S A PICNIC.
YOU HAVE NO CLUE HOW DEPRESSING THINGS HAVE GOTTEN HERE.
YES, WELL-- WHO'S SURPRISED BY THAT?
THE "WILD FRONTIER" OF EARTH-65. HEH.
IT'S LIKE KARAOKE THE LIVING PLANET.
OH, YEAH?
YOU FORGET WHERE THAT SNOOTY LITTLE FUTURE UTOPIA OF YOURS DIVERGES FROM?
THIS IS YOUR PAST, UTAA.
SO CUT THE CRAP--YOU THINK IT'S GONNA BE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU IF THE COUNCIL TAKES MY POST AWAY?
YOUR FUTURE SHOULD HAVE MY BACK.
OH, UNKNOT YOUR TOGA.
LIKE IT OR NOT--I'M HERE TO SUPPORT YOU, 65.
AS YOU SAID, OUR TIMELINES ARE DELICATELY INTERTWINED BY A BAFFLING PARADOX--
--WE KNOW EACH MOMENT DIVERGES INFINITELY, MAKING ALL ROADS POSSIBLE.
AND YET, THIS CHAOS IS A CONTINUUM. ORDERED BY THE CERTAINTY--
--THAT ALL MUST REPEAT.
AS TIME RECYCLES, THE STURDIER TIMELINES SHOW INFINITESIMAL CHANGE.
THEY BECOME WELL-WORN PATHWAYS.
SO FAR, YOUR PAST HAS BEEN A RELIABLE PASSAGE TO MY FUTURE.
BUUUUUT?

CLICK
LOOK-- I DON'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU, 65--
--BUT MY TIMELINE IS PERFECT.
AND IF THE COUNCIL IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR VIGILANCE HERE IN OUR PAST, WELL...
...IT WOULD BE A DERELICTION OF MY DUTY NOT TO--
--WAIT.
DID I JUST SEE YOUR UNCLE BEN TELL YOUR GWEN TO...TO...
...TO KILL MATT MURDOCK?
=SLURRRRP= YEAH. SO?
SO?! SO?!
HE'S AN UNCLE BEN, 65! HE CAN'T JUST--
"GREAT RESPONSIBILITY"? DOESN'T RING A #@$% BELL?!
OH, NO. THIS IS--
THIS IS BAD.
THIS HAS TO BE REALLY BAD.
IT DOES?
ARE YOU-- DON'T YOU FEEL THOSE TREMORS?!
WE HAVE TO STOP IT! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
"DO SOMETHING"? HEH.
BUT WE'RE WATCHERS, UTAA...

"...NO MATTER HOW BAD IT GETS...
"...WATCHING IS WHAT WE DO."
HNNFF... HNNFF...
...CAN... HNNFF... CAN...
...CAN YOU HEAR ME...
KABOOM
...ARE YOU LISTENING, MURDOCK?
I... HNNFF... I WANT YOU TO SEND THEM ALL...
...ALL YOUR MEN...
...I WANT YOU TO HEAR THEM SCREAM.

DING
DING
DING
MASTER...
...MASTER MURDOCK...
DING
DING
THE LAST OF OUR NINJA DEATH WAVE HAS BEEN REBUKED.
FRANK CASTLE ADVANCES TOWARD THIS ROOFTOP.
I SHALL DELAY HIM MYSELF. BUT YOU MUST RETREAT. YOU MUST--
DELAY HIM? NO. NO.
I'M AFRAID THIS HAS ALREADY GONE ON FAR TOO LONG, OTOMO.
MASTER! YOU ARE THE KINGPIN!
YOUR DESIRES ARE OF NO IMPORTANCE. I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO BE EXPOSED--
--TO UNDO THE HAND'S WORK HERE SO RECKLESSLY!

KRABOOOM
HEH. "RECKLESSLY"?
THIS IS MY PUPPET SHOW, OTOMO.
HNNFF...
...HNNFF...
...MURDOCK...
I ALONE DECIDE WHEN IT'S TIME TO CUT THE STRINGS.

NO.
WHOA!
WHAT THE HELL?!

YOU DON'T GET OFF THAT EASY, MURDOCK.
YOU'RE OURS!
EASY?
AW, MY DEAR GWENZELLE...
SHICK
...EASY IS THE LAST THING I WANT.
ZZRAKK

...HNNFF...
...HNNFF...
AWESOME TOY, FRANK.
BUT THAT LABORED WHEEZE--
--MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A FITBIT INSTEAD?
THWAP
ZZRRAKKK
HNGF!
HNNF... HNNF...DAMN IT, STACY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CASTLE?
YOU WANT ME TO PUNISH MURDOCK? FINE.
BUT THIS?
HOW MANY DIED HERE?
HOW MANY DID YOU KILL?
LOOK AT WHAT HE'S MADE YOU INTO.
HEH. WORST.
TEAM-UP.
EVAR.
ZZZKTT
YOU'VE GOT SOME GALL TO JUDGE ME...
ALL THIS POWER YOU HAVE...
...AND YOU'RE STILL NOTHING BUT A VICTIM!

WAIT...IS THAT--?
WHERE DID SHE--
SHHH! SHUT UP!

CAPTAIN CASTLE...
...THAT WILL DO.
RRRGGGH!
SOLDIER...
...I SAID...
...STAND...
DOWN.
KRACK

NOW. THIS IS OVER.
FOR BOTH OF YOU.
WHY, AS I LIVE AND BREATHE--
--CAP-TIN AMERICUH?!
MAH HE-RO!
JUST IN TIME TO SAVE ME FROM THESE ROGUES! THESE ASSASSINS WHO'VE BURST INTO MY HOME AND--
SHOVE IT, MURDOCK.
CAP...HOW... WHAT...
WHY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
GWEN.
GWEN, I WANT YOU TO BREATHE.
LISTEN TO MY VOICE.
GWEN--I'M SORRY.
SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG--BUT I'M HERE NOW.
HERE TO HELP YOU FIX THIS.

I...FIX IT?
BUT... MURDOCK...
YOU... YOU DON'T KNOW...DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID...
I DO.
AND I PROMISE YOU, I SWEAR TO YOU--
--THAT WHEN WE PROVE IT--
--HE WILL SEE JUSTICE.
"JUSTICE"?

"JUSTICE"?!
UNGH...
DON'T YOU KNOW THE THINGS HE CAN DO?!
THE THINGS HE'S DONE RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN?!
HE'S THE KINGPIN! HE OWNS BOTH SIDES OF THE LAW!
TWHAMP
HE IS YOUR JUSTICE!
GWEN--
HUNFT!
STOP THIS NOW. BEFORE--
BEFORE WHAT?

BEFORE IT GOES TOO FAR?!
THWK!
KRDD
R
POP!
DAMN IT, GWEN!
THAT... THAT THING IS IN YOUR HEAD-- IT'S MAKING YOU SICK.
YOU HAVE TO TAKE CONTROL. YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME--
HSSSSSSHHHHH!

HNNGH!
KRRRSSK
KRRRSSK
ARRRGGHH!
GRRK...GWEN... DON'T...
...YOU CAN'T...
WRONG, CAP...
WE CAN.
AND I HAVE TO.

MY GOD--LOOK AT YOU.
YOU PUNCHED THE AMERICAN FLAG IN THE FACE.
I'M SO PROUD I COULD--
GKKK...
SHUT UP.
SHUT UP AND DIE.
GGKK--
--GKK... F-FINALLY...
...GKK... YOU SEE... GKK...
...WHAT POWER REALLY IS...
...GKK... F-FINALLY NOT...
...I'M NOT... GKK...
...ALONE.
RRRGGH!

HRRRNGH.
I... CAN'T...
...I... WON'T...
...WON'T BE LIKE YOU...
POOR...SAD GWENNY.
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU REACHED OUT WITH YOUR HATE...
...STRUCK ME DOWN IN ANGER...
...AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN ENJOY...
DING
DING
...YOURSELF?
DING
DING
DING
DING
DING
"WHAT?!
"WHAT IS THAT?!"

"THE WATCH.
"IT'S A SPACE-TIME GATE."
I SEE THAT, 65! BUT WHY? WHO OPENED IT?!
I--I DON'T KNOW. I'M SCANNING BUT--
OH, NO.
GWEN STACY IS OFF THE CONTINUUM!

"THE WATCH. IT'S DONE THIS BEFORE.
"IT'S SHOWN A MIND OF ITS OWN.
"DURING THE MILES MORALES TEAM-UP."
"OH, NO. PLEASE NO.
HNGGGH...
"THIS WAS ALREADY A TEMPORAL DUMPSTER FIRE!
HNNGH...WHAT? WHERE?
SP-SPIDER-MAN?
"ALL WE NEED IS A CROSSOVER!"
WHAT THE #$%@?
NEXT: THE LIFE OF GWEN STACY!

#24 VENOMIZED VILLAINS VARIANT BY PAULO SIQUEIRA & RACHELLE ROSENBERG

#25 TRADING CARD VARIANT BY JOHN TYLER CHRISTOPHER

#25 HOMAGE VARIANT BY KHARY RANDOLPH & EMILIO LOPEZ
MARVEL
LEGACY
THE RADIOACTIVE
SPIDER-GWEN
GWENOM ARRIVES!
$3.99 US
RATED T
DIRECT EDITION
MARVEL.COM
25
VARIANT EDITION

#25 LEGACY HEADSHOT VARIANT BY MIKE MCKONE & RACHELLE ROSENBERG

#25 HOW TO DRAW VARIANT BY CHIP ZDARSKY

SPIDER-GWEN

HOW TO DRAW SPIDER-GWEN IN SIX EASY STEPS!

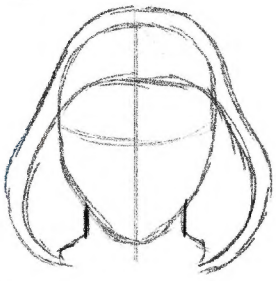
BY CHIP "GWENAISSANCE" ZDARSKY

Wow! A "sketch variant cover"! This'll be worth a lot of money provided you keep it in pristine condition and don't draw on it! Anyway, here's a fun and informative step-by-step guide to drawing SPIDER-GWEN!

1

All right! First we start with the outline of her face! Spider-Gwen's head is like an almond shape, and you can rough in the center axis for eventual placement of her eyes!

2



Add her neck and a bit of trapezius so we can add her hoodie, which is basically two lines. They're both like mushroom shapes, the first peaking just above where her eyes go, the second going over her head.

3

Erase the space between those two shapes. Then you can add her eyes, which look like...uh, I guess, bra cups? Is that just me?

4

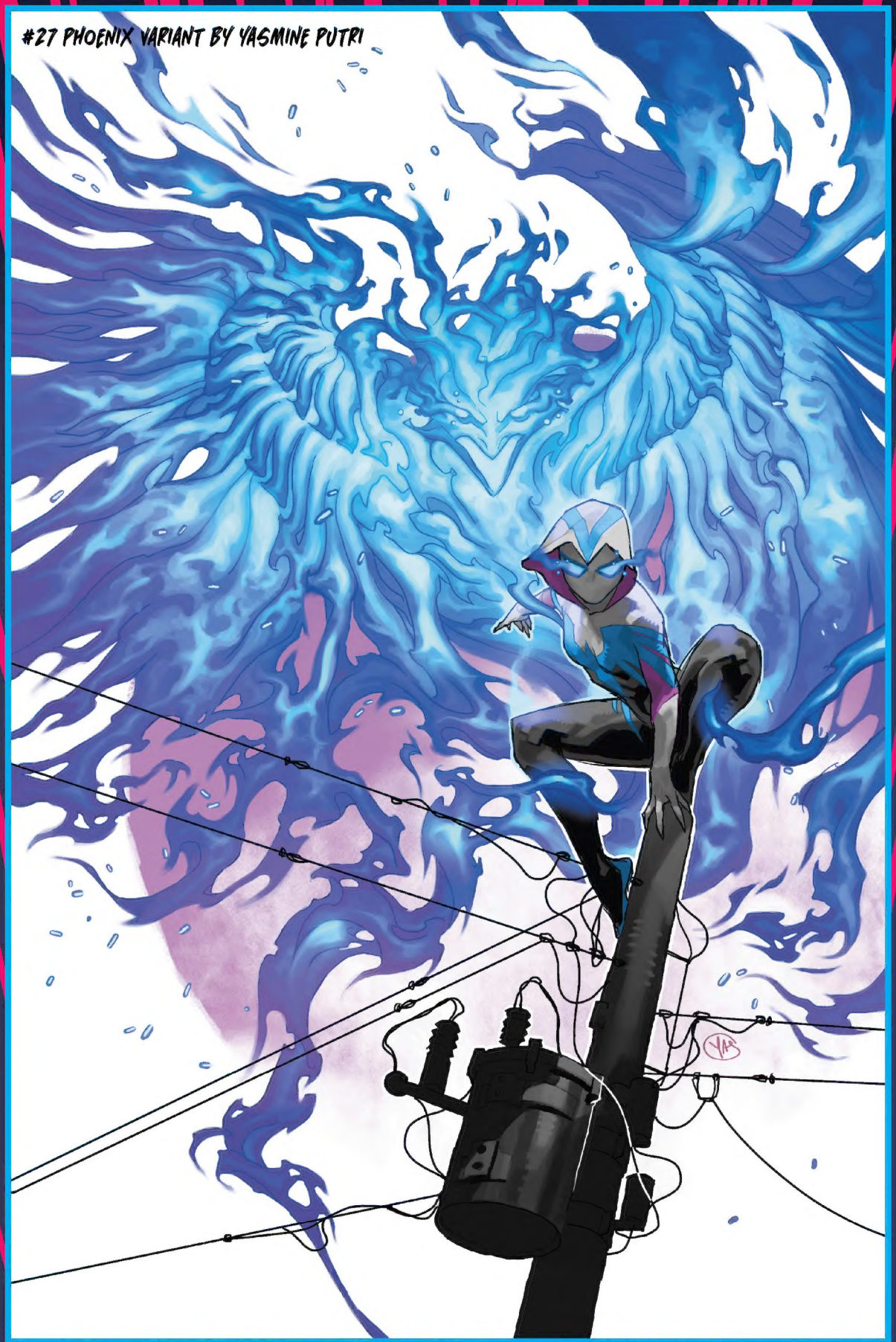
You can finish erasing your guide lines. And add more light lines for the webs inside her hoodie. Pretend that they emanate from the center of her head.

5

Darken the area around those weblines to make them pop out as the lighter shade. Then you can shade lightly around her eyes and a bit under her hoodie and her chin!

6

Then just put her on everything.


#27 PHOENIX VARIANT BY YASMINE PUTRI

WHAT'S THE NEXT EVOLUTIONARY STEP FOR GWEN STACY, SPIDER-WOMAN?

WOULD YOU BELIEVE – GWENOM?!

GWEN'S LIFE IRREVOCABLY CHANGES as she bonds with her universe's version of the Venom symbiote. What does this change mean for her relationship with crime kingpin Matt Murdock? With her father? With…the Osborns?! Is any relationship in Gwen's life safe? It's Spider-Gwen like you've never seen her before – and this time, there's no easy fix! The police and S.H.I.E.L.D. are after her – giving in to the symbiote's power may be her only hope! But is saving her skin worth losing herself? Because Venom has a way of turning spider-powered hosts against their allies – like Captain America! And when Cap comes calling to find out what's gotten into Gwen, a friendly check-in turns into a no-holds-barred back-alley brawl!

COLLECTING ***SPIDER-GWEN (2015B) #24-29*** – BY JASON LATOUR, ROBBI RODRIGUEZ, VERONICA FISH, OLIVIA MARGRAF AND RICO RENZI.